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## LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

By Telegraph to the New-York Times.

### INTERESTING FROM WASHINGTON.

Proposed Compromise by the Lecompton men.

Refusal of the House to Investigate a Serious Charge.

[illegible] to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Feb. 12.

I understand the Lecompton men are very sanguine that a compromise will receive night, they can [illegible] which will satisfy the Douglas men, and [illegible] to other Democrats. The [illegible] of the proposition is that Congress shall exercise the right of the people of Kansas to choose their Constitution independently of their choice.

The [illegible] WARD's resolution, [illegible] the part of persons in the [illegible] to purchase Votes for Lecompton [illegible] is a significant [illegible] Mr. WARD says [illegible] days. Minor, [illegible] Democrat, said to-day there were very few [illegible] that he knew of who would vote for Lecompton [illegible] at the last time he voted against it he [illegible] his district if he would vote right.

[illegible] Committee on Post-Office Department have a [illegible] of Kansas in attendance, investigating frauds among the [illegible].

[illegible] Mr. Stanton, of Tenn., Senator Douglas—[illegible] of the Treasury, &c

# RACHEL.

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[illegible] sharpen a politi- [illegible] of the departed en- [illegible] of such a woman than [illegible] in the popular philosophy. With [illegible] of ignorance and oppression be- [illegible] the history of her race, and the [illegible] to be expected of and defined is a [illegible] and contradic- [illegible] making up

## Favorable Sentiments Expressed on the Subject of Slavery.

*From the Richmond Enquirer, Feb. 11.*

We have even it intimated that in the event of the rejection of the Lecompton Constitution by Congress, there will be a movement among the Slave States towards a dissolution of the Union. Such a idea may possibly be entertained by a few *madcap secessionists*. But that the great majority of the South—that *constitutional* party, which backed Mr. BUCHANAN in '56, and carried him still, is in favor of it, we do not for a moment believe. It is true, the Kansas question involves that great principle of fairness, fairness and equality, which must be maintained if the Slave States are to be protected and secured in their sovereign rights. *But that the rejection of the Lecompton Constitution by Congress, for the ratification of the people of Kansas, would be an infringement of that principle, we are not prepared to admit.* In earnestness and urgency, the Richmond Union yields to no journal in the country in its advocacy of the Lecompton Constitution. But if Congress should determine to disregard the recommendations of the President, and turn a deaf ear to the arguments and appeals of these Democrats, North and South, who insist upon the admission of Kansas without further conditions, we shall dissent from the decision without joining in any war cry of dissolution. Let us briefly examine this matter, and ascertain its true merits. The supporters of the Lecompton Constitution maintain that the principle of popular sovereignty should be held sacred in the eyes of every American—that its preservation is indispensable to the existence of our Government. And at the same time they hold that this invaluable principle has been enforced as far as the occasion calls for it, as far as it has ever been disputed, as far as a representative Republic need demand it under the circumstances, by the submission of the Slavery clause to the people. They are in favor of the immediate admission of Kansas into the Union, because they consider it the safest and speediest means of quieting a dangerous agitation—because they regard the Lecompton Constitution as a legitimate exposition of the will of a Convention called by the people for the purpose of framing it. The opponents of this measure, on the other hand, contend that as the people of Kansas have not been allowed to vote upon the whole of it, there is no proof that it is acceptable to them; and, therefore, that it should be—not *rejected by* Congress, but returned for popular ratification. What, then, is the difference between us and them? Mere words between those who favor the acceptance of the Lecompton Constitution, and those who oppose it! *It is simply a difference of construction and interpretation.* Upon the principle we contend, Mr. BUCHANAN thinks the Slavery question was the only issue. Judge DOUGLAS thinks the Nebraska bill refers to the whole or some law of the Territories. Mr. BUCHANAN thinks the Slavery cause was submitted with sufficient fairness to test the popular sense upon it. Judge DOUGLAS differs.

Mr. BUCHANAN upholds the principle of popular sovereignty in all its purity and power. Judge DOUGLAS professes to do the same thing. Mr. BUCHANAN considers the immediate admission of Kansas the better and quicker mode of allowing the people to exercise their sovereignty and mode whatever may be objectionable to them in the Lecompton Constitution. Judge DOUGLAS prefers the plan of returning the Constitution to them. Thus they agree upon the principle, and disagree as to the means of most effectually enforcing it. As the matter stands now it amounts to a question of time and expediency only. And no man can make a fuss out of it.

The Missouri Compromise was hateful to the South. And why? Because it denied us that equality in the Union, which is guaranteed to us by the Constitution. Because it discriminated between our institutions and the institutions of the North. Because it prohibited the slaveholder from carrying his property into the common territories, which belong alike to each and all the States of the Union. Because it conceded to Congress the right to legislate on the subject of Slavery in the territories, in violation of the principle of popular sovereignty which recognises that right in the people of the territories alone. The South demanded the repeal of this iniquitous and unconstitutional enactment. It was annulled, and the right of establishing or repudiating Slavery in the territories about to become States, *was thus remanded to the people of those territories*, as the South desired. The people of Kansas have voted, and decided in favor of Slavery. And hence we hold that the principle has been carried out, and the Lecompton Constitution should not be returned. But, say our opponents on this measure, we believe the vote was not a fair one. We do not believe the people of Kansas are in favor of establishing Slavery as one of the institutions of their new State. And, they add, it is because we wish to carry out the very principle which the South demanded in the repeal of the Missouri Compromise, that we wish to return this Constitution for a fair and full vote of the whole people.

The Black Republicans themselves have abandoned their original ground of Federal intervention, on this question, since they are compelled to acquiesce in the exclusive right of the people of Kansas to accept Slavery or reject it. We thus see that if the Lecompton Constitution is returned by Congress for popular ratification, there will be no violation to the principle to which the South adheres as the safeguard of her institutions and her honor. *On the contrary, it cannot be denied, that it would be another instance of its enforcement.* Where, then, is the cause to talk of a dissolution of the Union? Can the Southern people oppose a principle which is the sheet anchor of their institutions, which they insisted upon in the Nebraska-Kansas act; and for which they are now strenuously contending in advocating the acceptance of the Lecompton Constitution. Whether the advocates or the opponents of the reception of the Constitution succeed, the same *principle* will be carried out.

A dissolution of the Union would be more than a mere pastime, both for the North and South. It is a calamity to be postponed as long as possible—as long as the Constitution is maintained and the rights of the Slave States are not denied. *The South can gain nothing by threatening a dismemberment of the confederacy without cause sufficient to justify it.*

As our readers are aware, we are warmly, enthusiastically in favor of the immediate admission of Kansas with the Lecompton Constitution. We are in favor of it, because we consider it the surest and speediest mode of adjusting a dangerous and troublesome question; because we believe the principle involved has already been enforced, and because we can see no necessity for referring the Constitution to the people, *when by accepting it Congress will sooner enable them to amend or overthrow it, if it is really not acceptable to them.* And we need not say that as regards devotion to the rights and interests of the South, the Richmond Enquirer cannot be questioned, even by the most malignant of its enemies. But in contemplating a return of the Lecompton Constitution by Congress, for popular ratification, our wrath is not raised to such a pitch as to induce us to associate it with an immediate separation of the South from the North. We are far from looking upon the Union as indivisible. There may be, and we fear that sooner or later, there will be, good cause for so lamentable an event. But, until then, it is the duty, as it should be the pride, of every patriotic citizen in the country, to endeavor to avert it.

*The South has not all to fear from her enemies. Her last indiscreet and impetuous friends, who, unless they are closely watched and cautiously guarded against, may precipitate her into an abyss of disunion before she is prepared for it.*

Let the sword sleep in its scabbard until there is nothing to draw, and then let all draw together, in defence of our common rights. The man who makes an issue and fights not upon punctilio, but upon principle, and only when the occasion calls for a sacrifice of life, is an antagonist truly to be dreaded.

Let the South exhaust her disunion threats until there is cause for it; and then the North may apprehend serious consequences.

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BAPTISM IN THE NIGHT.—The watchmen heard a singular noise in and about the grounds of EBLAN ALLEN, Esq., a little after midnight on Saturday night last, and, upon drawing near, they heard first a prayer, and then the Song of Zion, the words being an appropriate selection from Watts' hymns. They also observed four men standing upon the edge of the ornamental pond in the yard adjoining, and they were evidently the result. Very soon a hole was made in the ice, and two of the young men walked into the element, and each in turn immersed his opponent. After another prayer and another song of praise, they turned to leave, when the watchmen intercepted them, and inquired "what on earth they were about?" They replied that the wet and dripping individual who was shivering before them had just become converted, and *couldn't wait* until morning to be baptized!—*Worcester (Mass.) Spy.*

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## Mr. Cobden on Reform in Parliament.

Mr. WILLIAMS, the Chairman of Mr. COBDEN'S Committee at the last election for Huddersfield, has received the following letter from the honorable gentleman:

MIDHURST, Monday, Jan. 11.

MY DEAR SIR: It is not easy to persuade ourselves that if the whole of the ratepayers are admitted to the franchise we shall not be subjected to the tyranny of the million; but if we analyse our fears they will be found, I think, unmanly and groundless. What are we afraid of? Some sort of class legislation? But I defy you to show me the possibility of legislating for the benefit of the masses to the injury of the middle classes. The working class, you will be told, have their unsound theories respecting the regulation of wages, and if they had the power they would enforce them by act of Parliament. I doubt the existence of this monster "Socialism" in the minds of our working class. But if they were to try to give effect to such views by legislation they would be themselves the first to suffer and to call for the repeal of their own law.

No doubt there is a tendency among many of the working class to regard their interests as separate from, and antagonistic to those of their employers; but this is a false view, and it will give way before the light of truth and experience. We have made very great progress in the right direction within my short experience. Thirty or forty years ago we should not have passed through the present commercial crisis without witnessing attacks upon machinery. Twenty years ago we should have seen FEARGUS O'CONNOR leading the working class against the middle and upper ranks of society. If we have seen a comparative calm during the late commercial panic it is, I believe, mainly to be attributed to the increased intelligence of the working people, who cannot, as a body, be now persuaded that their interests can be separated from those of their employers. They see the cheap newspapers, and know that bankruptcies and embarrassments are overtaking the capitalists, that trade is prostrate, raw materials fluctuating in price, and markets closed for the season; and from all this they learn the lesson that the interest of employer and workingman is identical. If we take a review of the conduct of the masses of the people on occasions of political strife, we shall find that they have generally been right before their 'betters;' and, although they have had no votes, their hands and voices have been raised in favor of every great principle of morality and justice.

I have had great experience in appealing to all classes, and I say most sincerely that I would prefer an audience of which the working-class formed a considerable part in all cases where I was the advocate of the rights of humanity. Great bodies of men are, no doubt, liable to be misled by appeals to their passions; they are not always logical or capable of clear reasoning, but they are instinctively just and truthful; the multitude are incapable of playing the part of hypocrites and traitors. The longer I live the greater is my reverence for, and trust in, the mass of humanity, which, in the aggregate, seems to sum up a total of virtues greater than can be traced in the individual units.

There is much wisdom and truth in the saying of MONTESQUIEU—'Men, although reprobates in detail, are always moralists in the gross.' It is strange how implicitly we trust the working class with all that is most precious to us in private life—our property, our lives, and the lives of our children—and yet, in the far less important trust to a vote, along with ourselves, how timid and jealous we are. And yet we see in America and Switzerland, where universal suffrage prevails, life is more secure than in despotic States, and property accumulates (a proof of its security) more rapidly than in other parts of the world.

My own opinion is, that if the working classes had votes they would be quite as conservative in their tendencies, after a little experience, as any other section of the community. They would not separate themselves from other classes, but range themselves under influential leaders, as they do now, for there is a Greenock jealousy which prompts man to elect their chiefs from a higher class than their own. It is this tendency which leads the middle class to prefer to follow a member of this aristocracy to one of their own order.

I shall be glad if I have suggested any arguments calculated to meet the objections which timid people have to the adoption in practice of that good old Saxon franchise of which we are all such staunch advocates in theory, which gave to every householder the rights and responsibilities of self-government.

Believe me, very truly yours,

WM. WILLIAMS, Esq. R. COBDEN.

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## Mechanics' Club.

### AMERICAN INSTITUTE.

The Mechanics' Club of the American Institute met on Wednesday evening,—The President, R. P. FREE, Esq., in the Chair.

Mr. JOSEPH DIXON, of New-Jersey, read a paper on Photography, as applicable to the formation of life-size pictures. Many of the known laws of light were illustrated, but the details were intelligible only to practical photographers. He spoke of "inflected" light and of the reasons why such large pictures are often necessarily indefinite, and of the contrivances that may meet that imperfection. *Transmitted* light, in his opinion, would never yield a perfect large transcript from a smaller picture or object. *Reflected* light would answer well.

Mr. W. B. SHELDRAKE, of this City, exhibited a diagram of iron pavement, as applicable to the improvement of Broadway. It is simply an interlaced network of wrought iron, laid upon the surface of the stones, in squares of about three inches, and in pentstone connected by hooks, rods and bolts, leaded into the stones. It would cost, perhaps, $2 per square yard, and laid upon concrete, the rods not to be less than one-half inch nor more than three-quarters of an inch thick. It may be put down and taken up in sections. Half-inch iron would weigh about seven pounds to the square foot. A horses hoof would cover nearly four of these squares. The bars would be imbedded in the concrete, and projecting, perhaps, an inch out of it, but the projection would, of course, depend on the thickness of the iron that might be used.

THE CUT-OFF.

The subject has been up on a previous evening, and the general history of the cut-off had been pretty fully explained, with the exception of the *variable* cut-off. Mr. S. D. TRULLEN said the new idea which had been introduced, was to regulate the amount of steam that passes into the cylinder, varying the proportion with the power to be overcome. This is done by the governor. The governor, in fact, knows more than the engineer, allowing the expansion to do the work. But it will only work when the steam is kept at a certain pressure. That can be done mechanically. To make the engine entirely automatic, it must feed itself as it needs the coal; and take in its own water as well as its own fuel. All that can be accomplished, though it has not been done altogether. He characterized the work of ALBAN, a German, as the best on high pressure engines. The higher the pressure, the shorter the cut-off must be.

In answer to questions from Mr. TRULLEN, Mr. COMBE rose to describe and define the point of "cut off" on locomotives as from one fourth to one half the stroke on a link-motion. The admission valve was on the back of the exhaust valve; it was a plan devised in Baltimore.

Allusion was made to the Wyman contract in Boston at realizing $2,000 per day. One gentleman thought that exaggerated statements were afloat on that subject. Some details were furnished as to the working of the contract which has yet four years to run.

Mr. FREEZE spoke of the link-motion applied to "Stephen's tee." The cut-off, which had made so great a sensation, were greatly inferior to this. The valve of Sherman often fails to drop, and is a bungling piece of mechanism.

Mr. SOMMER explained that the imperfection in the

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WHAT LUCY STONE SAID.—She honored the wife of George BANCROFT, who, when the Episcopal clergyman pronouncing the service over her, and came to the word obey, said, "I won't." The clergyman said he would not marry her; but she said she could wait. Mr. BANCROFT said he had not chosen a woman who was not able to command herself. Her father commended her spirit, and the clergyman concluded to go on.—*Musical World.*

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Said Anne's preceptor, "A kiss is a noun:
But tell me if *proper* or *common*," he cried;
With cheeks of vermillion, and eyelids cast down,
"Tis both *common* and *proper*," the pupil replied.

## LAW INTELLIGENCE.

NOTICE TO APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION TO THE BAR.—The Examiners of gentlemen applying for admission to the Bar have appointed Monday, the 22d of February, at 4½ P. M., in the General Term room, as the time and place for the said examination. Applicants must file their applications with W. S. YARD, General Term Clerk, on or before the 20th inst.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.—FEB. 12.

SMUGGLING—ESTOPPEL—DIAMONDS.

Judge HALL took his seat this morning upon the Bench, in place of Judge INGERSOLL, who has gone home.

The case of *The United States* vs. *One Package of Diamonds, marked R. & B.*, was taken up. This is an action to forfeit a quantity of diamonds, worth about $1,700, as having been smuggled. Messrs. Randall & Barmore are the claimants. The facts of the case appears to be, that information came to the Collector of this port that a large quantity of diamonds had been smuggled, being brought over in cakes of soap, and in the backs of daguerreotypes. In consequence of this information the Custom-House officers, in September last, went to the store of one Henry Boltius, and there made a large seizure of diamonds. From thence they went to the store of the claimants, and asked if they had purchased of Boltius such and such a lot of diamonds in April last. Mr. Barmore said they had. Being asked if they had any still on hand, he said they had, but had disposed of most of them, and on the request of the Custom-House officers, he produced a little package of diamonds, as what was left of them. The officers informed him that they had been smuggled, and seized them as forfeited.

The defence was that Mr. Barmore made a mistake, and that the package of diamonds which he produced were none of them purchased of Boltius. His clerk testified that these diamonds were of a much lower value than those purchased of Boltius, and were a lot of refuse diamonds which they had on hand. Their low value was proved by several witnesses. It was not alleged that the claimants purchased the diamonds with any knowledge of their having been smuggled.

Judge HALL charged the Jury that if they believed that Barmore was honestly mistaken when he produced the diamonds as those bought of Boltius, then the Jury might find in favor of the claimants; but if he substituted this package for that bought from Boltius, with the intention of deceiving the officers, then he was estopped from proving that this was another package.

Not agreeing, instructed to bring in a sealed verdict.

For the United States—Mr. Joachimsen.
For claimants—Judge Whiting.

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SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

Before Hon. Justice Sutherland.

THE STREET COMMISSION.

*D. D. Conover* vs. *Charles Devlin.*—An application was made, by the defendant, for a writ of *certiorari*, to take the proceedings before the General Term. Yesterday Judge SUTHERLAND rendered an opinion, in which he decided that Judge PEABODY erred in delivering the custody of the book and papers to the plaintiff, who was Street Commissioner *de facto*, before he had decided that he was Street Commissioner *de jure*. He therefore granted the writ.

The *quo warranto* taken out by Devlin was yesterday argued at General Term, by Messrs O'Conor and Brady for Devlin, and D. D. Field for Conover. It may be that the decision on this argument will be in favor of Devlin, in which case the *certiorari* will probably be dropped.

Before Hon. Justice Clerke.

*Emma Gould vs. Geo. Gould.*—Judgment of divorce granted.

*Maria B. Sharp* vs. *James Sharp.*—Judgment of divorce granted.

*Eliza Van Pelt Stoddard* vs. *Henry S. Stoddard.*—Judgment of divorce granted.

*Dorothea Foster* vs. *Joseph Foster*—Application for judgment of divorce denied.

Before Hon. Justice Davies.

*Newell Chamberlain* vs. *The Western Railroad Company.*—Motion to change place of trial granted, on defendant's stipulating to examine any of the plaintiff's witnesses in the City of New-York, with like effect as if examined personally on trial.

*David Thomas* vs. *Thomas W. James.*—Motion for commission granted.

*George W. Skinner et al.* vs. *Henry G. Ely, et al.*—If the facts stated in this answer are true, the plaintiffs are not *bona fide* holders of the note. Motion for judgment on account of frivolousness of demurrer denied.

*Francis A. Palmer, Assignee,* vs. *Myron Orton.*—Motion to change place of trial granted.

SUPREME COURT.—AT CIRCUIT—FEB. 11.

Before Hon. Judge Ingraham.

*The People, &c., on the relation of James McCune,* vs. *The Board of Police of the Metropolitan Police District.*—This case arises on alternative mandamus granted Dec. 11, requiring the Board of Police to restore the relator, McCune, to his office of patrolman of the police force, and to permit him to exercise the same and receive the pay thereof, and to discharge his pay in arrears since June 26, or show cause to the contrary, &c.

It is the *test-case*, and raises all the points in controversy between the dismissed force and the Police Board. It was taken up on the 11th, at Circuit, before a Jury, in order to settle a case for the action of General Term. Testimony on both sides, previously taken by consent, was put in and read. Additional witnesses also were orally examined in Court. The testimony submitted embraces evidence of McCune, the relator, David Kissner, Captain of the Old Police in the Fourteenth Ward; Sergeant Williamson, Mr. Embree, Chief Clerk of the Police Board; Deputy-Superintendent Carpenter, Captain Walling, and one other.

When the testimony was closed, Judge INGRAHAM took the draft of a special verdict, submitted by Mr. Devereux, for the relator, and reading it through aloud, made alterations or additions as suggested and sustained by the counsel of either side respectively.

The verdict so settled was found by the Jury.

The argument upon the writ, return, pleadings, and the special verdict so taken, will take place within a few days before the General Term.

For the relator—Mr. Devereux.
For respondents—Messrs. Vanderpoel and Field.

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## Important Points of Practice.

SUPERIOR COURT.—FEB. 12.

*James S. Shuyter* vs. *Joseph Brice Smith.*—The defendant, Joseph Brice Smith, was brought up on an order supplemental to execution to answer concerning his property. It appeared that a judgment had been entered against him in August last for $613 46, and execution issued thereon and returned wholly unsatisfied. In October he moved to set aside or modify the judgment, and the judgment was reduced by the Court to $572 46, and an order made amending the judgment roll, docket and execution by striking out the original amount of $613 46 and inserting $572 46. The defendant objected to proceeding with the examination, on the ground that no new execution had been issued and returned unsatisfied on the amended judg-

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BROOKLYN SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM.

Before Strong, Rockwell and Lee, Justices.

Feb. 12.

*Admissions to the Bar.*—At the opening of the present term of this Court Ex-Judges DIKEMAN and GREENWOOD, of Kings County, and Ex-Judge GEORGE MILLER were appointed a Committee to examine candidates for admission to the Bar. Eighteen young gentlemen presented themselves for examination, and after a thorough examination as to their eligibility and qualifications, thirteen of the applicants were reported upon favorably yesterday morning, and were admitted as Attorneys and Counselors, to practice in all the Courts of this State. Their names are as follows: Abraham J. Van Wyck, Albert S. Pease, Peter H. Duncan, Francis E. Dana, James M. Lewis, Augustus C. Francisco, Gardner T. Hutchinson, Chauncey M. Depew, Richard Jennings, Jr., Dennis M. Carpenter, Samuel P. Halsey, John R. Grieff, Andrew J. Spencer.

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KINGS COUNTY COURT OF SESSIONS—FEB. 12.

Before Hon. S. D. Morris, County Judge, and Justices Schoonmaker and Hammond.

THE NINTH WARD OUTRAGE.

John Meyers and Peter Smith, indicted for for assault and battery, with intent to kill, were placed on trial. These parties are charged with inveigling a man named John B. Jacques from Newark, N. J., on Jan. 5 last, to Brooklyn, beating him till he was insensible, and then throwing him into a pond of water, where he was found nearly dead by some citizens, about 1 o'clock on the morning of the 6th January. Smith is a liquor-dealer in Newark, N. J., and was indicted for selling without license and keeping a disorderly house. The trial was to come off on the 8th of January, and Jacques was the principal witness for the prosecution. Smith, it is alleged, tried to bribe Jacques in the first place, and failing in this, he induced him to come to New-York, and while here got him intoxicated and took him to Brooklyn, where he was joined by his (Smith's) brother-in-law, Myers, who keeps an oyster saloon on Fulton-avenue, and the two then taking him to Atlantic-street, near Washington-avenue, made the attempt upon his life.

The District-Attorney opened the case for the prosecution, when it was ascertained that Jacques, the principal witness was sick, and so the case, by consent of all parties, was postponed until next Tuesday.

GRAND LARCENY.—John Franzen, indicted for grand larceny, was permitted to withdraw his former plea of not guilty, and pleaded guilty. He was then sentenced to two years' imprisonment in the State Prison at Sing Sing, the lowest term for the offence.

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BROOKLYN CITY COURT.

Before Hon. R. D. Cutler, City Judge.

*John B. Kitching* vs. *Nathan Southwick.*—This action was brought to recover the value of a horse, and was settled by the defendant paying $75.

*Martin Myers* vs. *Otto Pfersmann.*—This suit is brought to recover rent paid on Military Hall, Bushwick. The defendant repaired the building during the lease of plaintiff, and deprived him of the use of it. Case still on.

☞ General Term Calendar for Saturday, Feb. 13:—Causes—Nos. 31, 32, 34, 35, 36, 37, 39, 40, 41, 42, 44, 45, 46, 47, 49.

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## MARKET REPORTS.

**Markets**... *Carefully reported for the New-York Times*

NEW-YORK, Friday, Feb. 12, 1858—6 P. M.

RECEIPTS OF PRODUCE.—Since noon of yesterday: 45 bbls. Ashes, 4,104 bbls. Flour, 135 bags Oats, 280 bags Malt, 1,470 bags Feed, 536 pkgs. Provisions, and 143 bbls. Whisky.

ASHES—Are salable and firm at $6@$6 12½ for Pots, and $6 50 for Pearls, ⅌ 100 lbs.

COFFEE—Rio is in good request at full prices. Sales: 1,250 bags, in lots, at 9c.@11c. ⅌ lb. Yesterday's sales reached 4,300 bags; other kinds are in demand and are stiffly held. We quote Java at 10½c.@11c.; Maracaibo, at 10c.@13c.; Rio, at 9½c.@11½c.; Cuba, at 9c.; and St. Domingo, at 8½c.@9½c. ⅌ lb. In Philadelphia, yesterday, 2,774 bags Rio Coffee were sold by auction at from 9½c.@11½c. ⅌ lb., averaging 30 70 ⅌ 100 lbs; and in Baltimore, the sales embraced 2,750 bags Rio Coffee at from 9½c.@11c. ⅌ lb., reducing the stock in first hands, there, to about 30,000 bags.

COTTON—The market is still much excited; the demand is good, and holders claim still higher prices. Sales have been reported since our last of about 2,000 bales, including Middling at 12¾c.@12¾c. for Upland, and 12¾c.@12¾c. for Gulf, ⅌ lb., closing with no disposition among factors to sell at prices under our highest figures, for either variety.

FISH—The market is depressed in the absence of an active demand, and prices are generally quite languid for the leading kinds.

GLOUCESTER FISH MARKET—(For the week ending Feb. 10.)—Mackerel—Market dull, with but little inquiry; the quantity now in first hands is limited to a few lots, the holders of which are not desirous of closing out. We hear of no transactions, and rates are unsettled—$16@$20 offered for Nos. 1 and 2. Codfish—Quite a number of fares have arrived from George's Bank, which are sold fresh at $1 50 ⅌ 100 lbs. Fresh Halibut—No sales here. Oil—Little inquiry. We quote $13 50@$14 for a fair article of Cod. Newfoundland Herring—A number of cargoes are in port, selling principally to George's fishermen for bait, for $15 ⅌ M.

FLOUR AND MEAL—State and Western Flour has been more freely offered and purchased at about previous quotations. The demand is good for home use and for shipment. The arrivals are light, but the available supply is quite ample. Sales 12,300 bbls.

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| Common to good Superfine State | $4 15@ 4 25 |
| Extra State | 4 25@ 4 50 |
| Superfine Michigan and Indiana | 4 15@ 4 30 |
| Superfine Ohio | 4 30@ 4 40 |
| Fancy Ohio | 4 35@ 4 45 |
| Extra Indiana and Michigan | 4 40@ 4 60 |
| Extra Ohio | 4 60@ 4 50 |
| Fancy Genesee | 4 30@ 4 40 |
| Extra Genesee | 4 75@ 5 50 |
| Low to very choice Extra Missouri | 5 00@ 8 00 |

Canadian Flour continues quiet at unaltered prices. Sales 500 bbls. superfine to extra at $4 15@$6 ⅌ bbl. Southern continues inactive, yet steady. The transactions since our last comprise 650 bbls., in lots, at $4 50@$7 50 for low mixed to choice extra, ⅌ bbl. Rye Flour is in demand at old prices—$4 25@ $4 37½ for fine to superfine ⅌ bbl. Corn Meal is inactive, yet steady, at $3 for Jersey, and $3 50 for Brandywine, ⅌ bbl. Buckwheat flour, $2 @$2 25 ⅌ 100 lbs.

GRAIN—Wheat continues quiet and somewhat nominal. This day sales have been confined to small lots of Southern White, inferior to choice, at $1 15@ $1 40 ⅌ bushel. Last evening a sale of 12,800 bushels Red Western, Spring, was reported at 98c. ⅌ bushel, for export. Corn is steadily improving—sales having transpired of 38,500 bushels, new crop, to arrive and here, at 66c.@67½c. for Yellow, and 68c.@69c. for White Southern, ⅌ bushel. Sales have also been reported of 1,300 bushels Northern Rye, in small lots, at 73c., delivered, ⅌ bushel. Barley and Barley Malt are quiet and somewhat nominal. Oats are quiet and languid, at 44c.@45c. for Western; 41c.@44c. for State; 33c.@39c. for Jersey and Pennsylvania, and 27c.@28c. for Southern, ⅌ bushel.

HAY—Sales 300 bales North River at 65c.@70c., and some very choice lots at 75c., cash, ⅌ 100 lbs.

HEMP—Is inactive, and prices are generally nominal.

HIDES—Sales have been reported, to-day, of 1,000 prime Buenos Ayres at 21c., 6 months; 1,500 Para, not salted, at 9½c., 5 ⅌ cent. off for cash; and 1,000 Montevideo on terms not disclosed.

HOPS—The demand continues fair at steady prices. Crop of 1857, 5c.@10c., crop of 1856, at 2c.@3c. ⅌ lb.

IRON—Appears quiet, but firmly held.

LEAD—Holders ask very full prices, but the demand is tame.

LEATHER—There has been a limited demand for Sole this week, and prices remain about the same. This week's movements have been as follows:

| SOLE. | Hemlock. | Oak. |
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| Receipts during the week—Sides | 42,800 | 5,100 |
| Sales during the week—Sides | 42,700 | 1,900 |
| Stock this evening—Sides | 290,600 | 17,200 |

LIME—Rockland, 55c.@65c. for Common, and $1 15 ⅌ lump, ⅌ bbl.

MOLASSES—The demand continues moderate, at previous prices. New-Orleans, 26c.@29c.; Porto Rico, 23c.@26c.; Cuba Muscovado at 19c.@23c.; Clayed Cuba, at 17c.@19c. ⅌ gallon.

NAVAL STORES—Crude Turpentine is in demand at $3 50@$3 62½ ⅌ 280 lbs., but most holders ask higher rates. Sales have been reported of 850 bbls. Spirits Turpentine, in lots, at 40½c.@47½c., cash, ⅌ gallon. Tar and Pitch remain as last noticed. Resin is actively inquired for, and we have to report sales of 2,500 bbls. Common, in lots, at $1 40@ $1 45, mainly within the range. ⅌ 310 lbs., delivered; and 830 bbls. of fine at $2 75@$3 for No. 1, and $3 50 @$4 50 for White and Pale, ⅌ 280 lbs.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 6.—Turpentine remains the same, with sales of 2,800 bbls. at $3 60 for Virgin and Yellow Dip, and $1 40 for Hard, ⅌ 280 lbs. Spirits—Sales on Friday of 55 bbls. Spirits Turpentine at 42c.; Saturday, 100 do. at 42c. ⅌ gallon. Stock light. Tar—70 bbls. sold at $1 50 ⅌ bbl.

OILS—Linseed is in good request, and is firm at 56c.@58c., cash, ⅌ gallon. Other kinds are quiet but quoted steady.

PROVISIONS—Pork is inactive, parties disagreeing

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## Cincinnati Provision Trade.

*From the Cincinnati Price Current, for the week ending Feb. 10.*

The week has been marked with extraordinary activity and excitement in the Provision trade, and a very large advance was established in prices. The demand was partly speculative, but the purchasers were, to a fair extent, on account of orders from the South and Southeast. Yesterday the trade was more calm, and sellers were more numerous than buyers. Of Mess Pork 290 bbls. sold, Wednesday, at $13 50; 250 do., Thursday, at $14; 200 do. at $14 25; 600 do., yesterday, at $14 25, and 1,500 do. at Madison at $14. The market opened yesterday with a disposition to further advance the price to $14 50; but there were sellers at the close at $14 25. Of Bulk Meat, 10 hhds. Shoulders, Wednesday, at 5⅝c. pkd.; 35,000 do. sides, at 6⅝c. loose; 125 hhds shoulders, (country,) Thursday, at 5¼c., pkd.; 22,000 lbs. shoulders, at 5c. loose; 40,000 lbs. sides, Friday, at 6½c., loose; 150,000 do. do., at 6½c., loose; 80,000 lbs. do. do., at 7c., pkd.; 200,000 do. do. at 6⅞ pkd., and 3,000 pcs. shoulders at 5¾c., loose; 520,000 lbs. sides, Saturday, at 7c., loose; 50 hhds. do. at 7¼c., pkd., and 150,000 lbs. shoulders at 5¾c. pkd.; 200,000 lbs. sides, Monday, at 7c., loose; 200,000 do. deliverable at Louisville, at 7c., loose; 15,000 do., at 7½c., loose; 200,000 do., at 7¼c., loose; 500,000 do. Shoulders and Sides, at 5¾c.@7c., loose; 2,000 pieces Shoulders, at 5¾c., packed, and 1,800 do. do., at 5¾c., loose; 130,000 lbs. Sides, yes erday, at 7¼c., loose; 140,000 do. Shoulders at 5¾c., loose, and 40 hhds. Shoulders at 5¾c., packed; closing at 5¾c.@7½c. for Shoulders and Sides, loose, with more free sellers than buyers, however, at these figures. Bulk Hams are nominally 7¾c.@8c. Of Bacon the sales have been small, owing to the small amount out of smoke, but a week or ten days hence the stock will be large. On Wednesday 20 hhds. Shoulders and Sides sold at 6¾c.@8c., packed, and 20 do. Shoulders at 6¾c., packed; 25 hhds. Sides on Thursday at 7¼c., deliverable at Madison; 10 hhds. Sides on Friday at 8c., packed; 25 do. do. on Saturday at 8c., packed; 25 do. do. at 8¼c., packed; 45 do. do. (stop) at 8c., packed; 40 hhds. Sides on Monday at 8¼c., packed. No sales yesterday. We quote 6¾c@6¾c., packed, for Shoulders and Sides, with a slightly feeble market. Of Box Meats, 1,400 boxes Cumberland cut sold on Friday at 7c., packed, and 100 do. short Middles, Saturday, on private terms. Of Lard, 150 bbls. sold on Thursday, at 8¾c.@8¾c. for prime; 500 do., Friday, at 8¾c.@8¾c.; 300 do., Saturday, at 8¾c., and 250 kegs do. at 9¼c.; 200 bbls., Monday, at 8¾c.; 60 do., at 8¾c.; 50 do. yesterday at 8¾c., and 120 do. prime gut and head at 8¾c., closing at 8¾c. for prime leaf, with some holders asking 9c., but no buyers at over 8¾c., and the market was not very strong at that. Green Hams have advanced to 7¾c.

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## PUBLIC LECTURES.

DR. HAWKES' LECTURE.—IN COMPLIANCE with the request of the audience before whom it was delivered at the Lecture Room of the Historical Society, Dr. Hawkes will repeat his lecture, *Old America's Mission in Young America*, at Niblo's Theatre, on THURSDAY EVENING, Feb. 18, at 7½ o'clock.

LOLA MONTEZ WILL GIVE HER LECTURE on the "*Heroines of History*" and "*Revolutionized Women*," at Hope Chapel, on MONDAY EVENING, Feb. 15. Lecture to commence at 7½ o'clock.

BRUSHES OF EVERY DESCRIPTION at the lowest factory prices, wholesale and retail, at No. 320 Pearl st., Harper's Building. Machine brushes made to order. The trade supplied.
JOHN K. ROPPEL, No. 320 Pearl st.

HAND-CART WANTED.—A SUBSTANTIAL hand-cart, that can be easily navigated by one man, and stand a vast deal of pulling and hauling. N. B.—Printing and stationery as usual.
F. HART & CO., No. 63 Cortlandt st.

NEW IN CHURCH TO RENT.—ONE HALF of one of the most eligible six-seated pews in the Henry Ward Beecher's Church, in Brooklyn, to rent for the year, if application is made soon to the Sexton.

TO SEWING-MACHINE MAKERS AND others.—Wanted, fine and ornamental engravers on Machines; also, at moderate prices with dispatch.
VAN COURT, No. 16 John-st.

$4 50 DOUBLE-SOLE WATER-PROOF SEWED BOOTS, now ready at JOHNSON'S, 10 Ann-st. Also, $5 50 DOUBLE-SOLE PEGGED BOOTS.

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## PUBLIC MEETINGS.

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[illegible] OF THE DAY.

[illegible] New-Orleans announces the [illegible] City from Havana. At the [illegible] connected with the Wilkinsite, from [illegible] California, mails to the 20th [illegible] the West has experienced quite [illegible] New-York, with [illegible] theatres [illegible]

[illegible] Senate was not in session [illegible] adjourned from Thursday to [illegible] the House, the Sergeant-at-Arms [illegible] JOHN H. WOLFORD, the witness in the [illegible] before the bar of the House to [illegible] Mr. WINTHROP disavowed [illegible] questioning the authority of the House [illegible] and asked until Monday to [illegible] of the charge—which indulgence, [illegible] motion of Mr. STANTON, was granted. Ma[illegible] minority reports in the Maryland [illegible] election case were received from [illegible] on Elections, but consideration of [illegible] was postponed until Monday. [illegible] of New-York, then broached an [illegible] privilege, in reference to the [illegible] to the effect that members had [illegible] by persons in the interest of the [illegible] purpose of influencing their votes [illegible] question. He asked leave to [illegible] resolution for the appointment of a Com[illegible] investigation, and read an article from the [illegible] Sun, and a paragraph from the [illegible] of the New-York Tribune, to [illegible] for an investigation. A de[illegible] which considerable feeling [illegible] and the House finally, by a vote [illegible] to consider the matter [illegible] privilege—and so the matter will [illegible] stand. The House adjourned till Monday.

[illegible] Senate, yesterday, a favorable re[illegible] was made on the bill to prohibit the Banks of [illegible] Brooklyn from acting as Savings [illegible] also reported favorably. [illegible] report was made on the petition [illegible] appropriation of fifty per cent. of the Ex[illegible] for the use of the Inebriate Asylum. [illegible] introduce a bill [illegible] of Railroads compelling [illegible] the Hudson River, Harlem, and East River [illegible] a petition for the repeal of the Ex[illegible] to be referred to a Special [illegible] bill was reported to compel [illegible] to publish lists annually of all un[illegible] deposits, and to report the same to the [illegible]

[illegible] the opponents of the Lecompton Constitution were disappointed last night in their anticipation [illegible] by Mr. BRANDER at the Academy of Music, [illegible] hour, a very large concourse of people had gathered around the building, but it was not opened to receive them. After considerable [illegible] and various expressions of disappointment, [illegible] BRANDER stated that every effort had been made to secure the Academy, but the President and Directors had violated their engagement, and consequently the building would not be opened. Loud calls were then raised for Mr. STANTON, who appeared on the steps of the building opposite the Academy, and after regretting the disappointment, stated that another opportunity would be soon afforded for the citizens to assemble and discuss the great topic affecting all true citizens. Subsequently a large crowd formed, which marched to the New-York Hotel, where Mr. STANTON was serenaded by the guest in attendance. He appeared with his family, returned thanks, and again [illegible] for a favorable opportunity for addressing [illegible]

The Board of Councilmen transacted no business of [illegible] importance or great public interest last evening. [illegible] discussion on the report upon the [illegible] for 1858 was laid over. A Committee of [illegible] to act in conjunction with the Mayor, was made to supersede the previous arrangements as [illegible] of Washington Parade.

The Chamber of Commerce yesterday held a [illegible] meeting at the Merchants' Bank, to hear a report of the Committee appointed on the 4th inst., to examine the Banking Laws with reference to [illegible] of the Governor and the [illegible] A report and memorial [illegible] were adopted to be printed for circulation, and the further consideration of the subject was postponed to the regular meeting next [illegible]

In the Court of Oyer and Terminer, yesterday, [illegible] the remaining defendant in the Greenwich-[illegible] case, namely JOHN [illegible], pleaded guilty to [illegible] in the fourth degree. His counsel [illegible] for time to present to the Court affidavits of his good character, and Judge INGRAHAM post[illegible] his sentence to the 22d inst.

The public school building in North Moore-street, Fifth Ward, was so nearly destroyed by fire last night as to render it necessary to entirely rebuild it. The whole of the second and third stories was burnt. The fire is supposed to be the result of some defect in the heating apparatus.

The General Markets yesterday were not quite so active for Cotton, but prices were well supported. A heavier business was transacted in Flour, at essentially unchanged rates. Wheat, Rye and Barley were quiet, and somewhat nominal. A better business prevailed for Corn, which advanced a [illegible]. Groceries were in fair request, and quoted firm. Provisions were moderately dealt in, at [illegible] prices. Freights continued quiet.

CANADA—THE NEW SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.—The Canadian press is largely occupied just now with discussions upon the selection of [illegible] in the future capital. Acquiescence [illegible] dissatisfaction characterizes the re[illegible] of Toronto, Kingston, Montreal and Quebec journals. Each of these places [illegible] however, better pleased to see an out-of-the-way town preferred, than that the choice should have fallen upon any of its immediate rivals.

Although the decision of the Queen has for some months been understood, its formal announcement is only now received.

OTTAWA, (formerly Bytown,) the fortunate city in which the vice-regal dignity is henceforth to reside, is situated on the Ottawa River, in Carleton County, 120 miles from Montreal, and about the same distance from Kingston. It is connected with the latter by the Rideau Canal, and with Prescott by a railroad. It is a flourishing place, the centre of a large lumber trade, and in 1852 had a population of 9,249. The Ottawa River divides the two provinces, and in point of [illegible] [illegible] very point which could have been selected.

AUSTRIAN WORK AND VENAL WRITERS.—Mr. T. B. WILLIAMSON is making a position [illegible] about seven millions of British money, which this gentleman alleges he was instrumental in spending in corrupting the Congress which passed the Tariff of 1846. A Committee was appointed to investigate the charges of corruption, suggested by the accounts of LAWRENCE, SCOTT & Co., and he was cited to appear before them and give evidence. He has made a terrible uproar about being compelled to comply in rather an uncourteous manner, and threatens the members as well as the officers of the house with all the terrors of the law in case he ever catches any of them in New-York. All he knew on the subject about which he was specially summoned, has been extracted from him in spite of his excessive caution. Great as was his reticence, it did not require half so much coaxing to get him to reveal what Congress wanted to know as seems now to be necessary to get him to conceal what Congress does not want to hear. He is asked how it is that LAWRENCE, SCOTT & Co. came to bribe members of Congress at the passage of the last Tariff, and he replies that he knows how it is that the British bribed them at the passage of the Tariff of 1846. He reminds one of the individual who, on being asked if he was a musician, answered He, but that his brother was acquainted with a drummer. As a matter of history, or as a subject for patriotic lamentation over the national degeneracy, information touching the dreadful doings of the British in 1846 may be very desirable, but the idea of reproaching the Committee now sitting for not listening to it, as this Mr. WILLIAMSON has been doing, and the *Tribune* with him, is much as if one were to vituperate Judge INGRAHAM for not taking evidence touching the Burdell murder in the midst of the trial of CARLYLE.

Regarding the value of the story itself there is not much to be said. All the probabilities are against it. British gold is to a certain class of political economists and philosophers what Juno was to the old epic poets, or PALMERSTON is to the Austrian police. It is at the bottom of everything—the one potent cause of all curious or unaccountable phenomena. Everybody who is stubbly obstinate in his own opinions, and entertains a profound contempt for those of other people, is always loth to acknowledge that any one arrives at opposite conclusions to his by fair reasoning or from honest motives. To escape the humiliation of having people differ from him, he insists that they have either been bribed or frightened into it. Austrian subjects cannot possibly conspire or revolt because the Government is a bad one—they are always led into it by the machinations of PALMERSTON, who takes a satanic pleasure in getting up political disturbances. In like manner, no body of men can either be honest Protectionists in the eyes of a bigoted Free-Trader, be an honest Free-Trader in those of a bigoted Protectionist. Adversaries don't reason; they are greedy, and covet. Republicans are Republicans, not because they love freedom, but because they thirst for spoils. The loftiest and most incorruptible fanatics are always imputing to their opponents the basest and most grovelling motives.

Mr. WILLIAMSON's story is improbable, because it is an old kind of hackneyed story, too well-known to be even startling. Seven millions of dollars cannot be either collected by interested capitalists or voted by a corrupt House of Commons without the world knowing of it. Such a sum as this must pass through numerous hands, and such a scheme be confided to numerous ears, before either of them could do their work. To suppose that anything so monstrous, on a scale so gigantic, could for ten long years remain buried in the capacious breast of the astute WILLIAMSON, is to suppose something vastly more improbable than that he—the confessed tool of base men—should utter what our neighbor, the *Tribune*, elegantly terms a "whopper." Any motive he has for making the revelation now, he had in equal strength seven, eight, or ten years ago. In fact the reasons for making a clean breast of it when the fraud was of recent occurrence, and the Tariff of 1846 was an object of public interest, were far stronger than they are now, when it is a matter of history. Mr. WILLIAMSON ought not to have waited to be interrogated by a Committee of Congress. There were a thousand ways of rousing public indignation against corruption so gross without waiting to be dragged up from his bed by the myrmidons of the sergeant-at-arms, to confess his share in another fraud. In short, it would have been a cock-and-bull story in 1848. In 1858, an ostrich and elephant are the only two animals fit to shoulder it, and in our opinion the less Mr. J. D. WILLIAMSON says about it the better.

## Kansas and the Opera.

We announced yesterday morning that the difficulties which threatened to prevent the Anti-Lecompton meeting at the Academy of Music, had been adjusted, and that the meeting would be held last evening according to the original announcement. Our statement proved to be entirely erroneous,—for the building was closed last night, and a large body of policemen was stationed about, to protect it from the violence which seems to have been anticipated, and which indeed was counseled by some of the most reckless among the crowd.

Justice to ourselves and to the public makes it proper for us to say that our announcement of yesterday morning was made upon the personal assurance of Mr. GEORGE B. BUTLER, who had been the principal agent in getting up the meeting, and who certainly ought to have been well informed as to the final decision of the Directors of the Academy. Whether Mr. BUTLER was himself deceived, or whether he intentionally deceived the public through us, is a point which he should lose no time in explaining.

The original difficulty grew out of the very proper determination of the Directors, that the *Academy should no longer be used for* political meetings of any kind—and they inserted a clause in their recent lease to Mr. ULLMAN, prohibiting him, in the most explicit and peremptory manner, from hiring it for such a purpose. In Mr. ULLMAN's absence, his agent leased the building to Mr. BUTLER, and received payment [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] wanted for a lecture. The next morning, upon the announcement of the real object of the meeting, permission to occupy the building was withdrawn, both by Mr. ULLMAN, who telegraphed his refusal from Philadelphia, and by the Directors themselves.

Without any special reference to the intended meeting of last night, we must say that this determination of the Directors is in every respect right and proper. The experience of the past has shown that the decorations and the accommodations of the opera suffer fully as much from the pedal enthusiasm of the "fierce Democracy" on such occasions, as any party, cause, or principle can suffer from the eloquent denunciations of the fulminating platform. The property of the stockholders has in by-gone days been handled with so little care and concern that the new directors on accepting the office resolved to make an attempt at reorganizing and reconstructing this sadly dilapidated interest. We presume that, after the experience of the present misunderstanding, they will have no difficulty in carrying this determination into practical effect.

## The Free Academy.

Everybody knows that in the upper part of the City of New-York there stands a very remarkable building of an extremely composite architecture, many-windowed and odd-chimneyed, which is designated to the admiration of the inquiring stranger as the "Free Academy;" and the few citizens who take the trouble to examine the tables of the public expenditure are probably aware that the Board of Education hold in the name of the Free Academy property valued at $142,600, and annually disburse on behalf of the same institution about $55,000. But precisely what the Free Academy is, and to what result these sums are spent upon it, are questions to which we presume a still smaller number among us would be able at short notice to return a satisfactory answer.

It is not, therefore, very surprising, perhaps, that one of our City contemporaries should have confidently declared war against the Free Academy, as a preposterous device for the nurture and encouragement of bad Latin and worse Greek, administered by a knot of incompetent grammarians, and to the great confusion of all the "humanities." The respectable character of the gentlemen intrusted with the offices of instruction in this Institution, however, and the gravity of the proceedings which it makes to be regarded as an integral part of our system of public instruction, entitle it to a somewhat less summary trial than it has received from the Draconian tribunal before which it has been dragged.

The New-York Free Academy was designed to afford to such of the boys of our public schools as can avail themselves of its advantages, an opportunity of extending their studies beyond the necessarily limited scope of the general school system. It is, therefore, in a certain sense, a free University, offering to the children of the poorest citizen the most varied resources of mental culture, but differing from the great body of our American Universities in these important particulars, that it receives its students at a much earlier age and usually [illegible] of their acquisitions [illegible] to their [illegible] has strangely enough come to be called an "English education." The complete course of study at the Academy extends over five years, and embraces all the leading branches of collegiate discipline. The efficiency with which the academic system is administered must, therefore, be measured by standards similar to, yet not identical with, those which we apply to collegiate instruction in general.

Every man who has been bred at a university knows perfectly well that no tests of the value of any intellectual training are so exquisitely fallacious as the tests of a public examination. The results of such an examination, in nine cases out of ten, are purely fortuitous. They are determined by the state of the weather; by the moral force of one student, or the moral weakness of another; by various degrees of nervous excitement among the various victims; by anything rather than by the absolute qualifications of the pupils examined. One hapless youth will be summoned to construe the one passage in his Cæsar or his Livy, which in some thoughtless moment he happened to overlook; to another, born under a more fortunate star, will be assigned the one problem in Euclid which he hammered into his brain at some crisis of extreme despair and terror. We have known a single gruff Committee-man frighten half a form of elective mathematicians into a state which would have moved the compassion of COCKER himself. The serious and continuous written examinations of the English Universities, conducted on the principle of solitary confinement and animated with all the far-reaching hopes which hover about the Senate Houses of Oxford and Cambridge, not seldom fail fairly to develope the relative abilities of the hard-reading and the coaching worlds. And no examination, annual or semi-annual, passes over the devoted heads of the students of Harvard and Yale without affording ample reason to any astute and attentive ZOILUS for concluding that those ancient and venerable homes of American learning are simply invalid resorts of dislocated syntax and fractured prosody. Perhaps the safest specific test of the proficiency of any set of students is to be found in their original compositions on themes which exercise their logical ability or call forth the substance of their acquisitions in any particular department of science or literature. For the final object of education is—"as one should say—education" it is the development of the mental powers; and a man is more or less thoroughly educated in exact proportion to his control over the faculties and the resources of his mind.

Naturally one does not expect a college chapel to be an Areopagus of History or Philosophy. But in the handling of his subject, the crudest and youngest thinker betrays the method of his culture and the quality of his teacher, and every Institution deserves well of the country which contributes its modicum of disciplined intellects to the life of the commonwealth. If a man who is to mingle in the common whirl of American life, to assume its political responsibilities and discharge its social duties, learns in his five years' course at the Free Academy enough of the world, [illegible] to lend him modesty, common sense and discretion—to quicken his better instincts, and to fortify his finer tastes—his education is a positive gain to the community, and his teachers have vindicated their office.

The public exhibition of the Junior Class of the Free Academy, which took place last night, was satisfactory witness to the general excellence of the methods of instruction adopted in that institution, and to the fidelity of the teachers in pursuing their legitimate object. A dozen subjects, such as have from time immemorial been treated upon such occasions, were handled by as many students, of course with just about as much of profound thought as one usually finds bestowed upon them, but with propriety of feeling and accuracy of expression, and in the forms of natural logic; and certainly the usual outbursts of Sophomoric patriotism, which were not wanting, never came with a more pardonable emphasis from the lips of any youthful students, than from these representatives and subjects of the wholesome care with which the Republic watches over all her sons.

We are strongly inclined to question the wisdom of any attempt to elevate the Free Academy to the nominal rank of a university, and we should be disposed to advise the abandonment of the practice of conferring degrees upon its graduates. The country is already infested with colleges which ape the *curricula* of well-organized and well-endowed institutions, only to foster all sorts of foolishness and imbecility in the bosoms of scores of sciolists. Our higher education is still in an inchoate and chaotic condition, and it is extremely undesirable that the Free Academy should cease to be a thorough school of good discipline in order to become a turbid fountain of insignificant honors.

That it is in the way of fairly fulfilling the just expectations of those by whom it was founded, we think may be sufficiently established by a few such exhibitions as those of last night, as it is plainly indicated by the judicious distribution of studies in the programme of the institution; and the watchfulness which it should invite from the friends of public education is clearly the watchfulness of sympathy and good will, and not the espionage of cynical self-sufficiency.

## The French and Standing Armies.

The address just presented by the French army to the Emperor NAPOLEON in reference to his recent escape from assassination, is full of timely suggestions for ourselves. We do not mean to say that there is a complete parallel between the French army and the American army, or that the political condition of the two countries exhibits many points of resemblance. We are as unlike the France of 1858 as was the Rome of CATO the Censor to the Rome of TIBERIUS. It seemed as improbable, in the days of the Punic wars, that Rome would ever be ruled by necessities in the pay of a tyrant, as it is now that the United States will ever cower before an army of its own raising, and see its liberties disposed of by a drumhead court-martial. And yet more than one General ruled the countrymen of the first BRUTUS and of the GRACCHI in the right of a coronation by the Prætorian Guards. No more zealous and uncompromising Republicans and levelers ever took the field than the soldier citizens who fought under CROMWELL for the vindication of their freedom and the protection of true religion, and yet these very men purged the Long Parliament under Colonel PRIDE, and brought back CHARLES II. under General MONK. A standing army is something that nobody can count upon, or, rather, that is just as likely do what it was not intended to do as what it was. It is a huge engine of destruction which works well only in the hands of one man.

No army in the world was ever such a popular favorite as that of France, for no army in the world is more racy of the soil or more thoroughly the child of the people. Men, officers, and all, come from the very class which throughout French history has shown itself most hostile to oppression and most tenacious of its rights. It is essentially Democratic in its organization and even in its discipline. It knows nothing of the distinction between the man and the gentleman, which in all other armies opens so wide a gulf between the officer and the private. The captain and lieutenant are the comrades of the rank and file—the only difference between them is the difference of grade. They have come from the same village or the same workshop, are much alike in manners and in tastes, sing the same songs, cherish the same hopes, and wear the same cross. The officer has often been once a private, and any private may one day be an officer. All other European armies are composed of clod-hoppers, led by aristocrats; the French troops are Democrats, officered by Democrats. If ever there was an army from which one would look for no danger to the national liberties, it is the French army, and yet no army in the world has ever been more constantly and enthusiastically hostile to everything which savors of popular rights.

The part which the army has played in France since 1848 is curiously significant and instructive. No Prince ever commanded less of the respect of the French army than LOUIS PHILLIPPE. There was nothing in his personal character to excite enthusiasm among the soldiery. He suffered himself to be called the Napoleon of Peace, but the only discernible analogy between his pacific policy and the warlike policy of the great Emperor was an analogy of contrast, for while the Emperor contrived to keep France constantly at war by the haughtiest assertion of her extremest claims, the citizen-King contrived to keep her constantly at peace by the humblest intriguing in behalf of her plainest rights. The French army saw always in LOUIS PHILLIPPE not the soldier of DUMOURIEZ, but the friend of LAFAYETTE. Nevertheless the troops of the line once and again at his bidding swept the streets of Paris with grape and sustained his successive infractions of the Charter at the point of the bayonet; and had not all courage and manhood deserted the monarch at the crisis of his fate, the same troops of the line would have saved his throne to him or to his grandson in the days of February. Marshal BUGEAUD stood ready then to conquer Paris "at the price of forty thousand lives."

Under the Republic the regular army was at first subordinated to the National Guard, and was only restored to its normal importance by the terrified Assembly when it had become thoroughly disgusted with its position and thoroughly ripe for the support of a Dictator. It did not vote for a Dictatorship at the head of the State. It had elected LAVAIGNAC in the terrible days of June, because CAVAIGNAC was a man of [illegible] nerve, and it recognized that there was danger for the life of order and society only to cherish a deep and bitter desire for vengeance upon the Parisian population which had met it so sternly at the barricades, and had inflicted upon it such severe and humiliating losses. Very readily, therefore, did this army, made up of the people, lend itself to the imperial projects of the nephew of NAPOLEON, not because it was gravely convinced that the Republic was a failure, nor because it was frightened like the financiers by the "Spectre Rouge" of Prefect ROUHER, but simply because it was an organized body animated with the military *esprit de corps*, and anxious to assert its weight in the Commonwealth. And now it comes forward to congratulate the Emperor upon his marvellous escape from a horrible death, and to assure him that no class of the community but itself should have had a voice in deciding upon the successor to his throne, had he fallen, for the "army had resolved that henceforth the NAPOLEONS must reign in France."

This is a literal reproduction of the spirit and almost of the phraseology of the Prætorians of ancient Rome, and unless NAPOLEON III. has widely departed from those theories of government which he has cherished from his youth, and which he has set forth throughout his life both by his pen and, so far as has seemed to him practicable, in his exercise of power, this address of the army must seriously disturb his mind; for he can neither spare his bayonets, nor submit to this dictatorial loyalty. With every allowance made for the enormous differences which exist in the social order and the political constitution of France and the United States, it is still amazing that, in the face of such a spectacle as this, we should be talking gravely of increasing our own standing army, made up as it is in so large a proportion of foreign recruits, and officered as it is on a system thoroughly aristocratic. We seem actually to have forgotten that, although the first century of our *national existence has not yet been filled*, we have seen this standing army, small as it is, successfully employed to suppress the manifestation of the popular will, and in the very heart of the most democratic States of the Union.

EXCITING TIMES IN WALL-STREET.—Looking into the reports of the daily transactions at the Stock Exchange in Wall-street, and witnessing the wild excitement which prevails among all sorts of speculators, it is extremely difficult to believe that less than five months ago that same region was overshadowed by a gloom so dark and dismal that it seemed hardly possible for sunshine and hilarity ever again to enliven the countenances of the anxious and careworn denizens of "the Street." But all the past is forgotten, not a shadow remains, every vestige of ruin has been swept away, and the Bulls are once more in the ascendancy, rushing up stocks, inflating fancies, and dealing in bubbles as though there had never been a panic, and money could never again be scarce, nor bank presidents cease to be accommodating. Nearly thirty thousand shares of various speculative stocks were sold yesterday, and a still larger amount the day before. The game appears to have been but just commenced, and as there is every prospect of an increased accumulation of money in our banks during the next sixty days, owing in part to the advance in the price of Cotton, and the cessation of shipments of Gold to Europe, we may look for a very lively time among stock gamblers.

It would be idle to attempt to restrain this excitement by counseling moderation, or showing the disasters that must inevitably result from such wild and reckless speculations. But there is a very large class to whom a word of timely caution might be profitable. We mean those innocent "outsiders" who are always ready to rush in and become the first victims of a reverse in the Stock Market. The maelstrom of speculation is always sure to draw into its whirling vortex a certain number of these outside innocents, without whose aid the fury of the speculative tempest would be spent in vain. Among the most disastrous failures of the last pressure were the men who had been tempted by the mania for stock speculations to divert their capital from their legitimate business, and employ it in gambling operations in Wall-street. The saddest cases of deviation from honorable courses in mercantile pursuits have been caused by gambling in stocks, and we copy from a Connecticut paper, this morning, the confession of a wretched young man who brought ruin and disgrace upon himself by having been tempted into stock speculations by an unfortunate operation which gave him a profit of a few hundred dollars.

Let outsiders, particularly those who occupy situations of trust which give them easy access to money not their own, beware how they are tempted by the spirit of speculation now rampant in Wall-street to venture on trying their chance; one fortunate "flyer" would be sure to prove their ruin.

COLONEL CHARRAS AND THE ITALIAN ASSASSINS.—The enemies of the Republican party in France are naturally, though, as it seems to us, rather unwisely anxious to make it appear that some of the exiled chiefs of that party were in some way connected with the recent infamous attempt upon the life of the Emperor NAPOLEON and the peace of Europe.

Among the persons whose names have already been mentioned in this relation is Colonel CHARRAS, one of the most conspicuous of the "arrested" of December," and long well known for his resolute devotion to the Democratic faith. Colonel CHARRAS has resided during the greater part of the last seven years in Brussels, where he has employed himself in labors congenial to his profession as a scientific soldier, and where he has recently published a most elaborate and careful work on the campaign of 1815, remarkable as well for the just and generous tone of its criticisms upon the conduct and the plans of the different commanders engaged in that gigantic struggle, as for its keen and convincing analysis of the whole chain of events which led to the final set of the great Imperial tragedy. That such a man should have lent himself to [illegible] so cruel and so cowardly as those of the conspirators of the Rue Lepelletier, was of [illegible] [illegible] the order requiring Colonel CHARRAS to leave Brussels was issued nearly a fortnight before the attempt upon the Emperor. We have seen a letter from Col. CHARRAS to a friend in this City, dated at Brussels, Sept. [illegible], in which he explains the private difficulties with the Belgian Premier, which had induced the Government to take the step upon which so extraordinary an *ex post facto* interpretation has been sought to be put.

A like attack has been made upon the character of Victor Hugo, though that, in any official form, which we are very sure can only result in the like confusion to the malicious and intemperate authors.

A SENATOR'S OPINION OF REPORTERS.—In the United States Senate, on Wednesday, it was proposed to assign a portion of the gallery in the use of Reporters for the Press, whereupon Senator TOOMBS thus expressed his views:

"I hope the resolution will be [illegible] subject to its consideration. I do not think there ought to be any such people in the galleries at all. It is a very great nuisance."

Mr. TOOMBS is loftily contemptuous towards reporters. If there were no "such people" in existence the Senator's reputation would be a good deal more limited than it is. But, on the other hand, many of his fellow speakers would have escaped the public knowledge, and he might thereby have been the gainer. People whose speeches make them notorious are excusable for considering reporters as "nuisances."

PRONUNCIATION.—Quite a controversy has grown out of the remark of one of our correspondents some days since concerning the pronunciation of the name *Raleigh*. A New-Hampshire correspondent sends us a copy of the title page of a book, published in London in 1816, giving an account of the voyages of "Sir Walter Raleigh;" and also a note extracted from the Journal of the House of Commons, in which the word is spelled in the same way. This would seem to settle the point of its pronunciation.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.—An agreeable four-act comedy, called "Rural Felicity," was produced here last night, with decided success. It is one of Mr. BUCKSTONE's pleasant contributions to the London Haymarket stage, and has previously found favor in this City. But played as it was last night, it had all the charm of novelty, and proved completely the satisfaction of the audience. Mr. BUCKSTONE has hit upon a good idea in this piece, and elaborates it with light and effective touch. A couple of town-bred gentlemen, who have quarrelled with their wives, determine to seek quiet, peace, and oblivion in a small country town, where, amid stagnation—everything will be the opposite of what they have left behind; where, in short, a [illegible] condition of Arcadian simplicity and innocence shall prevail. The experiment is, of course, a failure, for the scandal and duplicity they attempt to bury from view of their rural dens is not only as [illegible] as they have left behind, but far more [illegible]. This leads them back to their own homes, and obliterates all remembrance of escape towards their better halves—who, by-the-way, forgive their truant lords in double quick time, and bring them to a splendid array at the light fantastic.

The comedy is most amusingly acted, and has been placed on the stage with [illegible] care. An apology, however, had to be made for Mrs. GOVE, who, we regret to learn, was suddenly attacked with a serious and painful malady. Miss [illegible] her part at a moment's notice, and played it so well that it was difficult to believe it was a substitute. Miss MARY GARDNER has a splendid little character which she develops with her usual rich [illegible]. Mrs. HOEY did Mrs. ADAMS so that two wives were equally good. The male characters were intrusted to Messrs. LEWIS, BLAKE, BARNABY, [illegible] and NORTON, and were of course well attended to. The piece was a decided success.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.—Our readers must not forget that this is the last day and night of Mr. BOOTH's great show. There will be two performances in the afternoon, and one in the evening, the exhibition so curious but meritorious deserves the best patronage.

POSTPONEMENT.—Messrs. MARSH & THOMAS' second *Matinée* is postponed, in consequence of Mr. THOMAS' absence with the Opera company. The concert will come off a fortnight later.

FIRES.

PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING BURNT.—The fine public school building, No. 46, situated corner of North Moore and Varick streets, in the Fifth Ward, was, last night, destroyed by fire. The alarm was given about 10 o'clock, P. M., and the engines were early upon the ground, but the flames made such rapid headway that the whole of the second and third stories were destroyed before the fire was got under. The damage is estimated at $12,000; fully insured. The fire is supposed to have occurred from some defect in the heating apparatus, or neglect in its management, as the late cold weather has required an extra fire to keep the rooms warm. There have been about a thousand children attendants at this school, and it is most fortunate that the fire did not occur during school hours, for in that case there might have been a great loss of life. The building was comparatively new, and was considered the best in the City. It is to be [illegible]

FIRE IN WEST THIRTY-FIRST-STREET.—At [illegible] yesterday morning a fire was discovered in the Musical Repository, and Variety Store of [illegible] A [illegible] was run over, while going to the fire, and severely injured. He was taken by the members of the Company to his residence, and a physician called. His injuries are not considered dangerous.

FIRE IN WORTH-STREET.—At a few minutes to 4 yesterday morning a fire was discovered on the second floor of the five-story brick building No. 127 Worth-street, occupied by ARTHUR TOWNSEND, as a turner's shop. The fire was confined to the second and third stories. Mr. TOWNSEND's loss is $1,000; no insurance. The damage to the building is estimated at $700, and is covered by insurance.

ALLEGED MATRICIDE IN PHILADELPHIA.—Yesterday afternoon Coroner PAGE commenced an investigation into the death of Mrs. Hannah McOwen, aged 40 years, who expired on the previous evening, as is supposed, from the effects of blows inflicted by her son JOHN, upon about six years. From the evidence it appears that on Friday evening last Mrs. McOWEN was about to leave her tenement in Market-street, above Fifteenth, [illegible], and got into a quarrel with her son, who, in a room occupied by MARY DONAHUE, [illegible] down stairs into an apartment occupied by his mother, and laid down on a settee. The mother followed him shortly afterwards, and again had words with him. She called him a robber, and ordered him out of the house. He replied that if he was a robber she must be one, for he then said that she spat in his face and he wiped it up and beat her about the head, blackening both of her eyes. She fell, and was seized with spasms. She was then placed on a bed and remained there until the time of her death, as mentioned above. Mrs. McOWEN was the mother of six children, of whom JOHN was the eldest. He is said to be a man of bad character, and is known both in the City and neighborhood as such.—*Ev. Journal, 11th.*

An honest farmer thus writes to his Chairman of an English Agricultural Society: "Gentlemen, please put me down on your list of cattle for a bull."

An Irishman was challenged to fight a duel, but declined on the plea that he did not think to leave his aged mother an orphan.

## FROM ALBANY.

Tuesday's Legislation—Another Bank in the Comptroller's Office—Stock Jobbing—Investigation—Gambling—Gambling—Gambling.

[Special Dispatch to The New-York Times.]

ALBANY, Friday, Feb. 12, 1858.

The Legislature is becoming attentive to dogs. In the Senate, Mr. DUTTON, after questions of privilege, asked a bill introduced for the suppression of dogs. On the floor of dogs he was interrupted. He was not without dogs. He was decidedly in favor of the canine race. He had, a few days since, presented a petition asking that a tax be imposed upon all the tribe of dogs. That petition had gone to the Committee on Incorporations. It is the first petition I ever knew to have so appropriate a reference; and he desired it to be changed, and hoped that it be referred to the Committee on Finance. "A very proper reference," said a friend—"it is a matter concerning Company C." It is almost needless to say that the Senator was guilty of that last pun. The petition went in the direction indicated by Mr. DUTTON.

In the House, dogs formed the basis of the most [illegible] report which the Judiciary Committee of [illegible] has yet submitted. Mr. TAPPEN, for self and associates on the Judiciary, reports in favor of [illegible] a tax of "$10 per head upon every dog, whether [illegible], bound or clase, instead of the dog kind." An [illegible] of the payment of such tax, the "dog, whether, [illegible], etc.," is to be declared a common nuisance, which any justice may abate on sight. Of course, such a report could only come from a Judiciary Committee, and could only have been dictated by feelings having their origin in hatred engendered by personal wrongs. On investigation I find that to be the fact. A gentleman on the Committee, when questioned, did not hesitate to avow his purpose to be the mortification of the canines in vengeance for a bite inflicted fifteen years ago. Of course, a report founded on such selfish views and prompted by such prejudices cannot receive much favor from such an intelligent, enlightened and patriotic body as is the Assembly, but it is mortifying to think that a legislator should have availed himself of the temporary advantages of his official position to avenge injuries done to himself as an individual.

ANOTHER BANK AT THE RAILROADS.

In the Senate, Mr. PATTERSON introduced a resolution, calling upon the Central Railroad Company to report to the Senate the number of stations on such road from Albany to Buffalo and Niagara Falls—the distance from station to station, the fare charged to and from each station to the next station, previous to the act of 1853—the fare charged to and from each station to the next station since the passage of said act, and the increase of such fare at each station since the passage of such act, in consequence of its passage. This was passed without opposition.

In the House, Mr. WARD offered a resolution to appoint a Committee of three to investigate the affairs of the New-York Central Railroad Company. This was laid over under the rule, Mr. MCNETT, of Erie, rising to debate it. It will probably pass, as Mr. WARD has personal strength enough to drive it through, if he carries a point on it.

Mr. BARNES introduced a resolution, which was passed, instructing the Railroad Committee of the House to bring in a bill requiring all railroads in this State to regulate their freight tariffs *pro rata* per mile, according to the distance carried.

The unanimity with which these inquiries and investigations are carried through both branches is a healthy sensation. As was well said, by a gentleman who has displayed marked ability and honesty as a railroad editor, "the legislation of last Winter was a curse to the railroad interests, because it excited so much." I shall be glad to know that in this legislation there are those who, while fostering and protecting those great interests, will watch well that they do not suffer by their own indiscretion.

REORGANIZATION OF THE CITY COURTS.

Senator SCOTT, this morning, introduced a bill, without previous notice, which entirely changes the jurisdiction of the Supreme and Superior Courts, and Court of Common Pleas. It is a regular drag net.

Section 1 vests in the Judges of the Supreme Court of the First Judicial District exclusive power to modify and dissolve injunctions, at least to the same extent as that power was heretofore vested in the Court of Chancery. The Justices to have full power to make rules to regulate this branch of their jurisdiction.

Section 2 authorizes the City and County of New-York, at the next general election, (and at every eighth election thereafter,) three additional Justices of the Superior Court.

Section 3 reduces the number of Judges of the Superior Court to three. Who of the present Judges shall go out, to be determined by a ballot of the Judges. (Making the Judges cut their own throats—they are constitutional, as I read "crowners' quest law.")

Section 4 authorizes the transfer of all causes pending in Superior Court and Court of Common Pleas, where the amount demanded exceeds $5,000, to the Supreme Court, upon a motion of either party to such suit.

Section 5 allows appeals in all cases from final judgments in the Superior Court and Court of Common Pleas to the Supreme Court, under such regulations as the Justices of that Court may from time to time make.

THE CASTLE GARDEN INVESTIGATION.

The Committee of Commerce held a meeting yesterday, for the purpose of hearing parties who were interested in having an investigation of the manner in which the emigrant business is conducted at Castle Garden. M. JACOB SHARP, of the House, appeared on behalf of the investigation. In the course of the inquiry it was demonstrated that the contest was carried on, not so much for the benefit of the emigrants as for the advancement of the interests of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. This was admitted by Mr. SHARP, who said he would withdraw his demand for an investigation, if the Commissioners would admit the Pennsylvania Central to enjoy the same rights and privileges as the New-York and Erie and the New-York Central." This proposition was accepted at once by the Commissioners, with the single proviso that the Pennsylvania Central should be subject to the same regulations and restrictions as are imposed upon all the companies doing business at Castle Garden. The proviso required the Pennsylvania Company to sell tickets to emigrants inside of the Garden as cheap as they offered them outside. It was established that the Pennsylvania Company had been two or three times admitted to the rights and privileges which the Garden affords; but when in the Garden, they invariably violated the terms of agreement upon which they were admitted, and were expelled as a consequence of their own acts. The admission of Mr. SHARP of the motives which governed his action, and the purpose for which he had urged the inquiry, will probably satisfy the Committee of Commerce that there is nothing in the management of the business at the Garden demanding legislative investigation, although the Commissioners expressed their readiness to enter upon such an inquiry if the Committee should desire it. The runners will probably have to try again.

OTHER MATTERS, ETC.

The marriage of ex-President FILLMORE to Mrs. McIntosh, on Wednesday last, was not made the occasion for much display; only about forty guests were present.

We are moving in the shadows of many great men at this present writing. Within the past two weeks, I have stood *vis-à-vis*, to two ex-Presidents, three ex-Governors, a half dozen ex-Mayors, as many ex-Senators, and a score of Governors and Lieutenant-Governors in expectancy.

"No man is ever a hero to his *valet-de-chambre*." I must confess that a close inspection of all those ex-dignitaries awakened only a doubt of the infallibility of the mass, and a surprise that the people should have applied several excellent artisans in the futile effort to make them statesmen.

A deputation from Staten Island was here to-day with a request that the Legislature should add another day to the Quarantine Commission. They propose the names of MILLARD FILLMORE, WASHINGTON HUNT and BENJAMIN F. BUTLER. I do not know upon what grounds these Staten Island gentlemen would justify this violation of the tomb, but I do know that the Quarantine Commissioners have dead weight enough to carry now. By the law as it now stands, the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor and Comptroller are a kind of upper house in the Quarantine concern, and they cannot of course the Jersey says. I hardly think there is any use in bringing up the ghosts of departed spirits. Better try whisky or whisky and oysters. LEO.

## NEW-YORK LEGISLATURE.

SENATE....ALBANY, Friday, Feb. 12.

BILLS REPORTED.

By Mr. NOBLE, favorably, relative to the Courts of Sessions and Special Sessions in New-York City; also to provide for the appointment of a Clerk of the Court of Special Sessions in New-York; also to [illegible] Public Offices; also relative to the change of office hours in the office of the Sheriff of Kings County; also relative to allowing surveyors of the county of Oneida. Agreed to.

By Mr. FOOT, favorably, to prohibit Banks from acting as savings banks in Brooklyn and New-York.

By Mr. ARMS, favorably, to prevent frauds by warehousemen and wharfingers.

By Mr. PATTERSON, favorably, to exempt a portion of the Fifth Ward of Brooklyn from the fire law.

By Mr. DIVEN, adverse to amending the Homestead Exemption law. Tabled.

By Mr. WAGER, favorably, on a general law for the extension of time for the collection of taxes.

By Mr. CHANLER, favorably, to continue the commission on Common Schools in New-York.

By Mr. TAPPEN, against the dog law for Brooklyn, but in favor of a general law taxing on all dogs ten dollars each, and providing that where no owner is found the dog be killed.

By Mr. LAWRENCE, unfavorably, on a petition to present fifty per cent of excise moneys to the Inebriate Asylum.

BILLS OF BILLS.

By Mr. CRAMMONT, to exempt Brooklyn from certain provisions of the Railroad Law, so as to enable the construction and extension of Railroads.

By Mr. HALLEY, to impose a tax upon Railroads competing with Canals.

By Mr. DUTCHER, to amend the Militia Laws so far as regards the First Division of State Militia.

By Mr. BAGELEY, to regulate the fees of the New-York Health Officer.

By Mr. SELKIRK, to vacate the office of Comptroller of New-York.

By Mr. DEZANDT, to provide a tax to pay the Municipal Police.

By Mr. WEBB, to enable all religious societies to incorporate on equal terms.

By Mr. VAN ALSTYNE, to regulate the way fare and freight on the New-York and Erie Railroad.

By Mr. DIVEN, to amend the general Railroad law; also, to amend the law relative to the collection of taxes.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. SCOTT, to increase the number of the Superior Court in the First Judicial District.

By Mr. DIVEN, to amend the general Railroad law.

Senator SCOTT's bill relative to the Supreme Court of the First Judicial District provides:

*First*—That the power to grant, modify, and dissolve injunctions in the First Judicial District, shall be vested exclusively in the Justices of the Supreme Court in that District, as fully as the same was formerly vested in the Court of Chancery of the State; and gives the Justices full power to make such rules relative to this branch of their jurisdiction, as they may deem discreet.

*Second*—Provides for the election of three additional Justices of the Supreme Court for the First District at the next State election, to hold office for eight years.

*Third*—Reduces the number of Justices of the Superior Court to three.

*Fourth*—Provides that, by consent of either party, causes involving more than $5,000 may be transferred from the Superior Court to the Supreme Court.

*Fifth*—Appeals shall be brought in all cases from final judgment of the Superior Court or Court of Common Pleas, to the Superior Court of the First District.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

Mr. SCHELL proposes to amend the law of last Winter, relative to the Supervisors of New-York, by dividing them into six classes—the first class to hold for a year, the second for two years, and so on, the term of the sixth class to expire in 1863. It causes two of each political party to retire each year, and one party to be elected and one appointed same as now.

ASSEMBLY....ALBANY, Friday, Feb. 12.

Mr. MCNETT, of Erie, rose to a question of privilege. He desired to say that in the vote cast the other day in favor of granting the use of the Assembly Chamber to F. P. STANTON, he did not intend to express any opinion in favor of Mr. STANTON's Kansas policy, or to condemn any one directly or indirectly. His vote was dictated simply by considerations of courtesy.

A large number of petitions were presented. Among them were several for a law confirming the location of North and East River steamboats; against the local assessment act of Brooklyn, and for the removal of Quarantine.

On the presentation of the petition for the repeal of the Excise Law of 1857, a struggle took place on its reference. Eventually it was referred to the Judiciary Committee, and subsequently a special committee on the subject was ordered.

## The Release of Hartford County Bank Bills—A Clerk's Story—How he Fell From Duty.

*From the Hartford Evening Press, Feb. 11.*

We published yesterday the fact that WALTER S. CARTER, of Middletown, had acknowledged that the bills of the Bank of Hartford County, supposed to have been burnt, were abstracted from the Treasury office, and put in circulation by him. Since then we have had an interview with Mr. CARTER, and from him learned all the facts connected with the matter. It is the old story of speculating in stocks, which has led so many to ruin. He tells us that when he entered the Treasury office he was barely 20 years of age, and of course without the fixed habits or principles of persons more advanced in life. His associations brought him in contact with men who were constantly dealing in stocks, and a knowledge of their gains induced him to invest his savings, then amounting to something over a thousand dollars, in a similar manner. His first operations were successful—his money soon doubled, and in a short time again doubled, and his successes seduced him into more extensive operations. What he considered to be a favorable opening for an investment of about $800 occurred one day when he had not the money, and he used funds belonging to the State—this was his first offence.

In this way, from time to time, he was led on, until he had used from $8,000 to $10,000 of the funds of the State, balancing the account by his own memorandum check, which, of course, he expected to make good. He excused himself to his own conscience by saying: "The banks pay no interest on this money and if I only put back what I take there will be no harm done; I may as well have the use of the money as the banks."

Things went on in this way until the 1st Monday of April, 1854. With it came the State election and the success of men whom he knew would displace him from the position he then held, and an exposure was sure to follow, unless the funds were replaced. Stocks had gone out of sight, and he had lost all he had taken—and then for the first time he began to appreciate the fact that he had committed a crime. What to do he did not know. Once he went to New-York, to take the steamer for Europe, but the steamer sailed, he was not on board, and he again returned to Hartford. The rest is already known to the public. It was to make his account good, where discovery would soon be made if things were left as they were, that the bills of the bank were abstracted and used.

The amount of bills thus taken is not accurately known. It is somewhere from $8,000 to $10,000. Mr. CARTER tells us that some months since he formed a resolution to disclose the whole matter, as a relief to his own conscience, as well as to relieve other parties from suspicion which might attach to them. One thing and another has prevented him from doing so, but when he received the summons to appear before the Grand Jurors, he resolved to "make a clean breast of it," and he has done so voluntarily. No other person is implicated in the least—he takes the whole matter upon himself.

So far as is in his power, Mr. CARTER has made restitution to the Bank, having assigned to them all his assets of any character whatever.

This is the story—it was told us with evident sincerity, and we have no doubt of its truth. It carries with it its own comment, warning all to abstain from the first departure from the path of rectitude.

## Official Declaration of War Against Governor Wise.

*From the Washington Union.*

Governor WISE has again come before the public, in an effort, as he himself uniquely expresses it, to save the Administration and the Democratic national organization. His late Tammany letter was the first blow aimed in that behalf; he now "advances upon his former position," and plants another, though feebler blow, precisely in the same direction.

Gentlemen have discovered of late a singular mode of saving the Administration and Democratic Party. We believe the recent course of Senator DOUGLAS on the Kansas subject has been shaped with especial reference to this laudable object. Gov. WALKER, too, has been actuated by the same commendable motive. Gov. WISE and Col. FORNEY alike participate in the patronizing sentiment. In fact, we believe this exemplary excess of friendship for the Administration and of solicitude for the Democratic organization, is what distinguishes the Democratic from the Black Republican branch of the coalition which has been formed to defeat the policy of the Administration and to disrupt the national party.

Since the publication of the not-yet-forgotten declaration of Governor WISE, in 1854, that "the objections to the Nebraska-Kansas Act were unanswerable, but never insuperable," we believe that gentleman has not been distinguished as an advocate or defender of that notable measure, which has been a cardinal test of Democratic orthodoxy from the time of its passage until now.

Governor WISE, it must be recollected, is an enthusiast in his espousals of public measures, supporting them always "with heart and head, might and main," where he supports them at all; and the fact that he has signalized himself in no special manner or important crisis, in the championship of this measure, has itself sufficiently attested his lukewarmness, if not indifference, to its success. The act was passed in the face of the violent opposition of the entire Black-Republican party, and of the great body of the old Whig party, and of the then rising Know-Nothing party; and, though Gov. WISE was and is noted enough with this choice opposition to think decisively resistance to the measure, perhaps may be forgiven his support, or even acquiescence, in the Democratic party's struggle in its behalf. As Gov. WISE was indifferent to the enactment of the measure, at a time of great effort and struggle to its friends, it has simply followed, as a matter of course, that now, in the decisive struggle for the consummation of the measure in its application to Kansas, he is found in conflict with the Democratic organization, extending back of the party, and even Governor WISE in vindication of his antecedents on this subject, it was very naturally felt to be a duty, he now undertook, with the zeal of a convert, from his old connections in the Northern States, that was sensible by his upon the policy of the party and administration. In regard to this measure are received with guns by the coalition through all the length and breadth of the Northern States.

We believe the political relations, heretofore, between Governor WISE and the friends of the Administration may be impaired by present differences of sentiment on the Lecompton Constitution. It is not probable that any great affection or solicitude for the Kansas act itself has had to be contributed by Governor WISE in throwing himself full length against the consummation of the measure in its application to Kansas, according to the policy resolved upon by its original and true friends—the national Democracy of the Union.

Though Governor WISE may be inclined to assume, in competition with the President of the Philadelphia meeting, the patronizing relation of Warwick the king-maker to the present Administration, it is quite certain that he cannot claim the paternity of the Kansas-Nebraska act itself, or set up any especial right to dictate to its early, consistent and real friends and supporters, his individual views as to the manner in which it shall be interpreted, executed or applied. As the Democratic Party and its Administration established the measure without the aid and sympathy of Governor WISE, it *must not be expected that the same Party and its Administration will give much heed or consequence to his present views upon the policy which they have resolved upon for consummating the great measure in its application to the Territory of Kansas.* Whatever injury to the policy of the Administration and Democratic Party may result at the North from the fact that so conspicuous a Southern man as Governor WISE opposes it, it must at least be remembered there, that this opposition comes from a Southern man and Democrat, who was, at least, never an active supporter of the Nebraska-Kansas act.

## The Chamber of Commerce on Banking Laws.

A special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday, to receive a report from the Special Committee, to whom was referred the subject of alterations in the Banking law, as suggested in the Governor's Message, and the report of the Bank Superintendent.

Mr. MATTHEW MAURY, Chairman of the Committee, said that the subject had been attended to by every member of the Committee, and the report was signed by all the members, after a great deal of discussion, some in the Committee and some out of it. Mr. MAURY then presented a report and a memorial for presentation to the Legislature, as follows:

The committee appointed by the Chamber of Commerce on the 4th inst., to examine the alterations in the Banking laws of this State, recommended by the Governor and Bank Superintendent, beg leave to report as follows:

The Governor recommends that every bank in this State be required, under adequate penalties, to keep on hand in coin not less than 25 per cent. of all its cash liabilities, exclusive of its notes.

The Bank Superintendent differs from the Governor by recommending 20 per cent. instead of 25 per cent., and in suggesting that the banks out of this City be allowed to hold specie funds instead of specie itself.

Although the deposits in the country banks may be so small as to make it unimportant whether specie funds or specie are held, we prefer the requirement of actual specie in all banks, as a matter of principle; and certainly, if the deposits in country banks are so small, the condition can be no hardship to them.

We wish the principle to be recognized, by law, that not less than a certain proportion of cash liabilities shall be held in coin, and that this proportion shall not be diminished at the discretion of any managers of banks. It is unreasonable and unfair that the banks shall be allowed to expand imprudently as they have done, and thereby give large large dividends to the stockholders, while hazarding the suspension of specie payments and paralyzing the business of the country.

The desirable proportion of specie is 20 per cent., according to the Bank Superintendent; 25 per cent. according to the Governor; 30 per cent. in the opinion of many of our experienced bankers and merchants, and 33⅓ by the Louisiana law. The Superintendent appears to have fixed upon 20 per cent. because the proportion actually held by the banks in this City in two years, ending with the Summer of 1855, was between 19 and 20 per cent. The advocates of 30 per cent. think it will more completely insure safety, while its opponents allege that so large a holding of idle capital will disqualify our banks for earning fair dividends, and that the New-Orleans banks are only enabled to bear 33⅓ per cent. by the opportunities which that city presents for making profits in exchanges.

The Governor recommends adequate penalties. The Louisiana law provides the best possible; for those are best which undo the damage while punishing the offence. The penalties that we recommend are that no loan or discount shall be made by any bank which has been below its required line of specie for two successive weeks by its weekly statements, until it is restored to line; and in case of violating this provision, the bank shall be wound up as insolvent. It will be necessary, however, that country banks shall give the Superintendent average monthly reports of their condition, for weekly are scarcely necessary, and that the same penalties shall apply to them after a month of offence as to ours after two weeks.

Our aim is to fix upon the largest metallic proportion that the sound interests of our banks will admit of, and with this view we recommend not less than 25, and not more than 30 per cent., believing that either rate will not debar well managed banks from earning fair dividends, such as 6 per cent., when the value of current paper in Wall-street is not below 7 per cent. We must remark, prudent and steady banking will practically require the specie holdings in this City to be 3 per cent., and perhaps occasionally 5 per cent. greater than the legal rate: say, 28 or 30 actual for 25 per cent. legal, and 33 or 35 for 30 per cent.; whereas our country banks will need a less margin, and the business of New-Orleans admits of working their banks without one of 3 per cent.

Such a law will possess the merit of being self-acting, intelligible and simple in itself, requiring no new machinery for its supervision, and yet of meeting and checking all those defects of organization and administration in which ruinous contractions and general bank suspensions have their origin. If by any accident, the line of specie should be too low for a single week, the proper proportion could be recovered in the second week, and the compulsory stoppage of discounts be avoided. The offending bank will be detected and identified, and the punishment fall upon it alone, without excluding it from the Clearing-House or endangering the money of the depositors; moreover, without causing any unwholesome alarm in the community, because the punishment will begin before the offender can have incurred risk of actual insolvency by means of over-issues of credit. Competition for deposits by offers of high interest will be checked; for deposits will bring with them the duty of holding more specie, the expense of which duty and the penalty for neglecting it, will reduce the question of rate of interest to very narrow limits.

Under the existing laws there is no punishment until the extreme offence of insolvency has been committed; and then the innocent and guilty suffer alike. The confiding stockholder and the innocent depositor may be utterly ruined without the least warning of any danger; but under the proposed law there will be ample warning for them and for the community, if the Bank, as we must always suppose, is managed with common honesty.

Penalties often defeat their objects; and it is now clearly demonstrable that the very severity of the existing law contributed to produce the bank suspension, which it had been framed to prevent; for the intense alarm, almost necessarily existing when the danger of enforcing such a penalty approached, terrified the depositors and drove the banks into otherwise unnecessary suspension.

In fact, the proposed law will in a great degree be to commercial and financial offences the deliberatum of criminal jurisprudence, viz., the prevention of those first steps of misconduct which are ultimately productive of extreme crimes.

We approve highly of the Superintendent's recommendations that no more mortgages be received as security for bank notes, and that the old banks be gradually brought under the law requiring security for notes; but we do not approve of his proposition to allow the business of banking to be commenced upon securities for $50,000 instead of $100,000.

Various projects have been suggested for preventing a recurrence of the recent difficulties. Among them are:

Prevention of banks paying interest on deposits.
That deposits should not be payable in gold.
Prohibition of bank notes below $5, $10 or $20.
Limitation of the rate of bank dividends.
An enormously large bank.
A Board of Currency to supervise and regulate the banks, &c., &c.

We think we have already shown that the simple plan of holding gold against deposits will accomplish all the sound and practical objects at which these projects aim.

The legal prevention of interest on deposits is not recommended by the Governor or Superintendent, and probably because it would admit of so many evasions as to be useless in practice; but, even if practicable, we think all its good objects will be attained by the Governor's plan, and we are unwilling to countenance any restrictions of questionable necessity.

The payment in gold of deposits in checks cannot be refused. It would amount to bank suspension.

Without denying that some benefit may arise from a prohibition of small notes under certain circumstances, we must admit that this measure has not answered expectation in Pennsylvania; and undoubtedly it is much more important that notes should be secured by the pledge of good convertible stocks and undue issues of bank credit be checked by an enforced holding of gold against deposits, than that small notes should be prohibited. We think such prohibition can be of little or no use in practice, unless enforced throughout the United States, and, therefore, we cannot recommend it.

A limitation of bank dividends would be practically unjust and is not desirable.

A very large bank would be useless if the other banks were to be continued, and therefore impracticable for any present beneficial effects.

No Board of Currency is required. As the plan of specie against deposits would be self-acting, the mere [illegible] machinery of officers and not to increase [illegible] [illegible] as we cannot foresee that the Chamber will [illegible]

The recent commercial and financial derangements require measures calculated to prevent a recurrence of such evils.

The present is a most favorable opportunity; for our banks are full of gold, merchants and traders have not yet embarrassed in large new operations, and none of the other States have resorted upon any new banking laws.

The plan we recommend requires no combination of laws with the risk of their uncertain effects, for it has stood the test of trial in Louisiana. It will not disturb any sound existing interests. It is self-acting, and therefore steady in its operations; for nothing that can endanger our currency is left to the discretion of any man or any body of men; and under its principles of action the lamentable bank expansion of July last could not have occurred.

We submit a memorial to the Legislature for the approval of the Chamber.

MATTHEW MAURY, JAMES BROWN, A. A. LOW, ROYAL PHELPS, HENRY W. T. MALE, P. PARK.

New-York, Feb. 10, 1858.

The Memorial embodies the principles set forth in the address, and recommends the adoption of existing laws accordingly.

Mr. MOSES H. GRINNELL moved the striking out of the recommendation in the memorial making Bank Directors personally liable for all the debts and obligations of the Banks, if such Directors participate in or assent to the certain violation of the banking laws.

The motion was adopted.

On motion of Mr. BARROW, it was resolved to print the report and circulate it among the members.

The further consideration of the subject was postponed to next Wednesday evening, at the special meeting of the Chamber at Clinton Hall. Adjourned.

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## MARRIED.

HOPKINS—DOWNS.—In this City, on Monday, Feb. 8, by Rev. T. Ralston Smith, FREDERICK T. HOPKINS, of Carmel, to Miss SARAH A. DOWNS, of this City.

SMITH—SQUIER.—At Somerville, N. J., on Tuesday, Feb. 9, by Rev. Dr. Messler, Mr. LEMUEL SMITH, of Brooklyn, to Miss ANNA SQUIER, of Somerville.

GIFFORD—AILLING.—At Newark, N. J., on Thursday, Feb. 11, in Trinity Church, by Rev. J. Treadwell Walden, JOHN A. GIFFORD and MARY J., only daughter of the late Charles Ailling, all of that city.

FOWLER—COLT.—At Paterson, N. J., on Thursday, Feb. 11, by Rev. William H. Hornblower, Mr. DE GRASSE B. FOWLER, of New-York, to Miss JULIA C., daughter of the late Mr. Roswell L. Colt.

## DIED.

MESCHUTT.—In this City, on Thursday morning, Feb. 11, at 8 o'clock, AUGUSTA, the beloved wife of David C. Meschutt.

The friends of the family are invited to attend her funeral, without further notice, from No. 66 7th-st., on Saturday next, at 2 o'clock P. M.

BOOTH.—In this City, on Thursday morning, Feb. 11, at 2 o'clock A. M., FRANCES VIRGINIA, daughter of Alfred Booth, aged 19 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, at 2 o'clock P. M., on Saturday next, Feb. 13, from the residence of her grandfather, Joseph Booth, No. 46 Nesbitt-st., Newark, N. J.

MILLS.—In this City, on Thursday evening, Feb. 11, Mr. JAMES MILLS, aged 75 years, late President of the Bowery Savings Bank, who, for a quarter of a century, devoted his time to its interests, and faithfully discharged the duties of his office. Few men have passed through life more honorably, and few leave behind them a more unblemished reputation.

His friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from his late residence, No. 100 4th-av., on Monday, Feb. 15, at 1 o'clock.

PAULDING.—In this City, on Wednesday, Feb. 10, suddenly, of croup, WILLIAM FREDERIC, son of Philip R. and Sarah M. Paulding, aged 2 years.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the services at Calvary Church, on Saturday morning, at 10 o'clock, without further notice.

HAWES.—In this City, on Friday, Feb. 12, Mrs. LYDIA ANN HAWES, wife of John Hawes, aged 42 years, 2 months and 12 days.

The relatives and friends of the family, and members of Ark Lodge I. O. O. F., are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Sunday, Feb. 14, at 1 o'clock, from her late residence, No. 368 Greenwich-st. Her remains will be taken to Greenwood Cemetery for interment.

SMITH.—In this City, on Friday morning, Feb. 12, MARIAH SMITH, widow of the late Andrew Smith, aged 88 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services, at the residence of her daughter, No. 31 Fifth-st., on Saturday afternoon, at 4 o'clock. The remains will be taken to New-Rochelle on Sunday morning, at 8 o'clock, for interment.

KISSAM.—In this City, on Thursday, Feb. 11, GEORGE B. KISSAM, of Greenfield Hill, Conn., son of the late Dr. Benjamin Kissam, of this City.

The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral service, at No. 152 West 35th-st., on Monday morning, at 10 o'clock precisely, without further invitation. The remains will be taken to Trinity Cemetery.

BROUWENHUSEN.—In this City, on Thursday, Feb. 11, Mr. P. BROUWENHUSEN, in the 49th year of his age.

His relatives and friends are requested to attend his funeral, at his late residence, No. 61 4th-av., on Saturday, Feb. 13, at 1 o'clock P. M., without further invitation.

COOKE.—In this City, on Friday, Feb. 12, BENJAMIN COOKE, aged 80 years.

The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, without further notice, from St. Mark's Church in-the-Bouwerie, on Tuesday, Feb. 16, at 12½ o'clock A. M. His remains will be taken to Greenwood Cemetery.

PARKER.—In Brooklyn, on Friday afternoon, Feb. 12, very suddenly, LEVI ALLEN, the 6 year of his age, aged 31 years.

Funeral at 3 o'clock, on Sunday afternoon, from his late residence, No. 203 Hicks-st., Brooklyn. Friends and relatives are invited without further notice.

LINGMAN.—At Greenpoint, L. I., on Friday, Feb. 12, after a lingering illness, MRS. MARY H. LINGMAN, aged 71 years.

The relatives and friends of her husband, John, G. H. Lingman, and her sons, William, Stephen and Winslow Dunn, and of her son-in-law, Joseph Warren, the members of Orphan Lodge, No. 27, I. O. of O. F., and members of Mount Arrarat Lodge, No. 182, I. O. of O. F., and members of Empire Company, No. 31 Volunteer Engine, are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, from her late residence, corner of Franklin and Java sts., on Sunday, at 2 o'clock.

☞ Ohio papers please copy.

[illegible]—At Mahwah, N. J., on Friday morning, Feb. 12, HANNAH, wife of Wm. H. Edgar.

The friends and relatives of the family are invited to attend the funeral, on Tuesday, Feb. 16, at 11 o'clock. Cars leave foot of Cortlandt-st. at 8 o'clock A. M., and return by the train leaving Mahwah at 2 P. M.

WOOSTER.—At Shelburne, Chenango Co., on Tuesday, Feb. 9, Mrs. SUSAN WOOSTER, wife of G. Ayres Wooster, and mother of George W. Wooster, of this City, in the 3d year of her age.

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SCONDRAS.—At Astoria, L. I., on Thursday morning, Feb. 11, of croup, FANNY, only daughter of Alexander and Sarah Sindram, aged 3 years and 10 months.

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[illegible] Mr. Barrett
[illegible] Mr. Peters
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[illegible] Mr. Lewis
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| Capital Stock | $100,000 00 | |
| Reserve of 1857 | 258,500 19 | $358,500 19 |
| Amount due of sundry dividends, &c. | | 62,889 75 |
| Amount of divisible annuities | 4,641 06 | |
| Amount of premiums received during the year | 368,876 67 | |
| Amount of interest account for the year | 43,688 13 | $417,105 86 |
| Total | | $733,895 60 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

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| Claims by death | $67,623 00 | |
| expenses, taxes and commission | 41,354 00 | |
| for insurance and purchased policies | 10,618 95 | |
| Dividends on capital | 10,000 00 | $129,075 55 |

ASSETS.

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| Bonds and mortgages on property in New-York and Brooklyn, worth double the amount loaned | $241,300 00 | |
| Premium Loans at 7 per cent. interest | 204,191 37 | |
| Agents' accounts for premiums in course of collection and transmission | 77,422 26 | |
| Real Estate | 2,400 00 | |
| Cash in Bank and on hand | 26,248 06 | |
| City and State Bonds and Stocks | 17,800 00 | |
| Accrued interest, &c. | 7,269 42 | $576,531 21 |
| Total | | $733,895 60 |

In the above statement the premiums deferred are not included.

The business of the Company during the last year, notwithstanding the extraordinary revulsion in the monetary affairs of the country, has steadily progressed, showing an increase of more than 16 per cent. in the number insured, and of 25 per cent. increase of assets.

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O. Y. WEMPLE, Secretary.

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N. T. HIGBIE, } Committee
W. E. BIRD, } or
N. T. CARRYL, } Stockholders.
JAMES M. MOTLEY, Secretary.

NOTICE.—AT A MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of the Gardner Gold Mining Company, held this day for that purpose, the Capital Stock of said Company was diminished to two hundred thousand dollars, divided into forty thousand shares of five dollars each. Stockholders can return their old certificates, and take certificates for the shares of the diminished stock at the office of the Company, No. 226 Broadway, Room No. 16.
RICHARD YOSE, Secretary.

NOTICE.—TO THE BONDHOLDERS OF THE New-Albany and Salem Railroad Companies: Propositions from the above-named Roads have been made for an amicable settlement of their difficulties, by a new organization of said Road. The propositions are printed, and you are requested to call at the office of Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, and receive a copy for your consideration. D. D. WILLIAMSON, Trustee,
No. 26 Exchange-place.

$10,000 WANTED—BY PARTIES IN THIS City, on valuable mill property, including 45 acres of land in Morris County, N. J. Policies of Insurance on buildings for $12,000 will be assigned. Title indisputable. Apply to GEO. C. BAKER, No. 184 Pearl-st.

$3,500 WANTED ON BOND AND MORTgage, on improved real estate worth five times the amount, situated on Broadway, Brooklyn, within 15 minutes (by omnibus) of the ferries. Apply to THOMAS IRWIN & SON, 31 and 33 Pine-st., New-York.

$2,500 WANTED—ON BOND AND MORTgage, on a country seat in New Jersey, near New-York, worth three to four times the amount. Address box 3,048 Post-office, New-York City.

## DIVIDENDS.

OFFICE OF THE PENNSYLVANIA COAL COMPANY.—Corner of Broadway and Wall-st.—New-York, Feb. 8, 1858.—A semi-annual dividend of three per cent. on the capital stock of the Pennsylvania Coal Company has this day been declared, payable at the office of the Company in the City of New-York, on and after the 15th of February inst. The transfer books will be closed from the 11th to 18th inst., inclusive.
GEO. A. HOYT, Treasurer.

DIVIDEND.—OFFICE OF THE STUYVESANT Insurance Company, No. 128 Bowery, New-York, Feb. 11, 1858. The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual Dividend of Seven (7) per cent payable to the Stockholders on and after the 20th inst. The transfer books will be closed until that date.
BENJAMIN J. PENTZ, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE LA CROSSE AND MILwaukee Railroad Co., No. 19 Nassau-st., New-York, Feb. 12, 1858.—The interest on the Farm mortgages of this Company, which, by the terms of the mortgages, fell due Jan. 1, 1858, will be paid, on presentation of the coupons, at the office of the Company, No. 480 Broadway, in the City of Albany, on and after the 20th instant.

OCEAN BANK DIVIDEND.—A DIVIDEND OF three per cent. on the capital stock of this Bank has been declared, payable on and after the 10th inst. The transfer books will be closed from the 8th to the 10th. By order of the Board. F. HANDY, Cashier.
NEW-YORK, Feb. 1, 1858.

OFFICE OF THE NEW-YORK FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, NEW-YORK, Feb. 3, 1858.—DIVIDEND.—THE DIRECTORS HAVE THIS DAY declared a semi-annual dividend of ten per cent. payable on demand at the office of the Company, No. 72 Wall-st. D. UNDERHILL, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE EXCHANGE FIRE INSURANCE CO., No. 39 Wall-st., New-York, Jan. 19, 1858.—DIVIDEND.—THE DIRECTORS HAVE DECLARED a semi-annual dividend of five per cent. on the capital stock, payable Feb. 1. The transfer books will be closed from the 25th inst. until that date.
RICHARD C. COMBES, Secretary.

LORILLARD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY—Office, Mechanics' Bank Building, No. 31 Wall-st., New-York, Feb. 4, 1858.—The Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of Eight per cent., payable on demand.
CARLISLE NORWOOD, Secretary.

OFFICE OF NIAGARA INSURANCE COMPANY, NO. 67 WALL-STREET.—DIVIDEND.—A semi-annual dividend of 10 per cent. has this day been declared by the Board of Directors, payable on demand.
Feb. 10, 1858. L. G. IRVING, Secretary.

NOTICE.—THE COUPONS FOR THE THIRD Mortgage Bonds, issued by the Milwaukee and Watertown Railroad Company, (Feb. 1, 1858,) due Feb. 1, 1858, will be paid at the Ocean Bank. J. S. SCOTT.

## BANK NOTICES.

DANBY BANK.—RECEIVER'S NOTICE.—IT WAS ordered by the Court of Chancery, for the State of Vermont, on the 20th day of Dec., A. D. 1857, that the undersigned be appointed Receiver of the DANBY BANK, and that all persons holding the bills, or having claims against said bank, present the same for allowance to the undersigned, at his office in Manchester, Vermont, within one year from the said 20th day of Dec., 1857; and in default of such presentment, said bills and claims be forever barred. And it was further ordered by the Court aforesaid, that notice be given to all persons interested in said bank, by publishing the substance of said order, for eight successive weeks in the Rutland Herald and Bennington Banner, and in one paper printed at Buffalo, in the State of New-York, and in one paper printed at Chicago in the State of Illinois, and for six weeks continuously in the New-York Times and the Boston Post.
WINCHESTER, Vermont, Jan. 16, 1858.
ja21-6w A. L. MINER, Receiver.

MARINERS' SAVINGS INSTITUTION—Market-sq., corner 6th-st., open daily from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M. and on Wednesday and Saturday from 6 to 8 P. M. Interest allowed on deposits. L. F. SMITH, Sec'y.

## REMOVALS.

REMOVAL.—E. D. MORGAN & CO. HAVE REmoved to Nos. 54 and 56 Exchange-place, one door from Broad-st.

REMOVED.—JOSEPH LEE, DRAPER AND TAILOR, has removed from No. 9 Warren-st. to No. 62 Walker-st., one door west of Broadway.

SUPERIOR LARD AND FALLOW OIL, very fine for machinery and burning. Samples free. Apply to 12 gallons. J. W. QUINCY & CO., No. 56 William-st.

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NEW-YORK STATE DITCH, CANAL AND RIVER IMPROVEMENTS.—[illegible] CHENANGO CANAL.—[illegible] Together with all and each of the Rules, Orders, Regulations and Reservations contained in said Act.

Every proposal shall be accompanied by an affidavit in the name of each person making it, and in each proposal, that he is not directly or indirectly interested in any other proposal for the same work or materials, or any part of the same; that he has no agreement or understanding with any other person as to bidding for any other proposal or contract for the same work or materials, or any part thereof; and that no other person than such as shall be named in the proposal is interested in the same, or has any agreement or understanding to become interested in any contract that may be made in pursuance of such proposal.

Every proposal for the above-mentioned work or materials must be accompanied with a bond to the people of this State, in the penalty specified above, and which bond shall be signed by the party making such proposal and two or more responsible sureties, with such evidence of their responsibility as the Contracting Board shall require, and shall be conditioned for the faithful performance of the work in the manner and in the agreement to levies the amount of wages in sums equal in the aggregate to levies the amount of wages.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a certificate of the Supervisor of the town, and the County Clerk, or the County Judge of the County in which said surety shall reside, or any two of them, as to the responsibility of said sureties.

The amount to whom the work may be awarded will be required by the Contracting Board to give the bond for the payment of laborers' wages, as required by chapter 278, of the laws of 1856.

No acceptance of a proposal or award of a contract by the Contracting Board, and no contract made by them, or any interest in the same, shall be assignable to any person or persons, without the written consent of the Canal Commissioners.

The Commissioners will reserve fifteen per cent. of the amount of each relative monthly estimate of work done and materials delivered, as a security to the State for the performance of the contract, and at the expiration of the third month of each year, the fifteen per cent. so retained during the previous year, shall be paid to the contractor, providing the provisions of the contract shall have been fully complied with.

In case the Contracting Board shall be of opinion that the proposals made at any meeting thereof, pursuant to any advertisement, are, in consequence of any combination in bidding or otherwise, disadvantageous to the State, they may decline all or any of the said proposals, and advertise anew for the work and materials embraced therein.

The person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to receive the boats, tools and other implements specified in the following Schedule, and allow therefor the respective prices therein stated, viz.:

SCHEDULE
SECTION NO. 3 CHENANGO CANAL.

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| 10,000 feet B. M. Oak for lock gate at $20 | $200 00 |
| 30,000 feet B. M. Pine timber for locks at $15 | 225 00 |
| 15,000 feet B. M. Pine plank for locks at $15 | 225 00 |
| 2,500 feet B. M. Pine timber for bridges at $15 | 37 50 |
| 2,000 feet B. M. Hemlock at $7 | 14 00 |
| | $1,131 50 |

CHEMUNG CANAL AND FEEDER.
In charge of B. P. BAILEY, Superintendent.

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| 1 Brace Axe, $2; 1 Narrow Axe, $1 | $3 00 |
| 1 Small Bark Spud, $1; 2 Grove Bars, $2 | 15 00 |
| 4 Tool Chests, $6; 1 pair Cant Hooks, $1 | 7 00 |
| 8 Lamps, $3; 3 Lamp Filters, 94c. | 3 94 |
| 20 Picks, $28; 2 Plows, $7 | 20 00 |
| 2 Pumps, $1 50; 1 Cross Cut Saw, $4 | 5 50 |
| 1 Pile Driver and Fixtures | 225 00 |
| 1 Stage Scow, $150; 1 Gravel Scow, $75 | 225 00 |
| 10 Scythes, $7 50; 6 Scythe Snaths, $12 50 | 90 00 |
| 2 Screpers, $18; 133 Shovels, $133 67 | 151 67 |
| 1 Grind Stone, $3; 115 Wheel Barrows, $230 | 233 00 |
| 1 Wrench, 75c.; 1 Rope 50 feet long, $4 | 4 75 |
| 1 Lighter for Mowing | 20 00 |
| Total | $1050 56 |

In charge of W. L. KINNER, Resident Engineer.

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| 12,200 feet Hemlock Plank | $366 00 |
| 2,573 feet B. M. Hemlock Timber | 26 01 |
| 7,063 feet Oak Timber, Plank and Boards | 112 32 |
| 1 Lot of Timber, framed | 5 00 |
| 3 Axes, $2 50; 9 Augers, $6; 1 Tackle Block, $3 | 14 50 |
| 4 Crow Bars, $6; 3 Chains, $4; 1 Chisel, 25c. | 15 25 |
| 7 Tool Chests, $7; 3 Hammers and Sledges, $5 | 12 00 |
| 2 Cant Hooks, $1; 2 Lamps, $2 50 | 3 50 |
| 3 Lock Gates, $150; 1 Maul and Bottle, $1 50 | 151 50 |
| 7 Paddle Gates, for Locks, $65; 6 Padlocks, $1 50 | 66 50 |
| 85 Picks, $850 75; 25 Pike Poles, $11 50; 2 Plows, $9 | 71 25 |
| 1 Pump, $1 50; 1 Scow, $275; 6 Scrapers, $22 50 | 299 00 |
| 356 Shovels, $247 63; 1 Shave, 75c.; 1 pr. Shackle Bars, $1 50 | 249 88 |
| 1 Grind Stone, $4; 1 Stove, $1; 1 pair Blacksmith's Tongs, 75c. | 5 75 |
| 222 Wheel Barrows, $525 62; 6 Wrenches, $7 50 | 533 12 |
| 1 Brace and 9 Bits, 63c.; 4 Steps and 3 Sockets, $3 50 | 4 13 |
| 2 Tow Posts and 1 Heel Post, $23; 5 Gate Collars, $3 | 26 00 |
| 9 Eyes, $4 05; 12 Wrists, $21 60; 2 Cold Chisels, 75c. | 26 40 |
| 1 Boring Machine, $7; 2 Falls and Dippers, 75c. | 7 75 |
| Bow, Stern and Tow Lines | 15 00 |
| | $1,831 17 |
| Total | $2,481 73 |

The aggregate of the same to be paid in twelve equal monthly payments.

The person or persons to whom the work may be awarded will be required to enter into contract for the performance of the work within ten days after the same shall have been awarded to him or them, upon the terms prescribed by the Contracting Board.

The name or names of the persons proposing must be written out in full, with their places of residence.

The specifications and blank propositions and forms of contracts and bonds will be ready for examination at the above-mentioned office, ten days prior to the time specified for the letting. Dated Albany, Jan. 29, 1858.

SAMUEL S. WHALLON, } Canal
CHARLES H. SHERRILL, } Commissioners.
JOHN M. JAYCOX, }
V. R. RICHMOND, State Eng. and Surveyor.
NATHANIEL S. BENTON, Auditor.

NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL U. S. M. S. S. COMPANY, No. 56 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, Feb. 10, 1858.—NOTICE.—A MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDers of this Company will be held at the office of the Company, on THURSDAY, 25th inst., at 12 o'clock, M.

The annual election for five Directors of this Company will be held at the office of the Company, on THURSDAY, March 4, between the hours of 12 M. and 2 P. M. By order.
W. L. YOULE, Secretary.

## INSURANCE.

MARKET FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
OFFICE NO. 37 WALL-STREET.

At the annual election held on the 8th instant,

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| PHILETUS H. HOLT, | STEPHEN LININGTON, |
| JOSEPH P. WICKHAM, | ENOCH KETCHAM, |
| SILAS DAVIS, | WILLIAM A. CUMMINGS, |
| OLIVER H. SHEPARD, | HENRY LYLES, Jr., |
| HENRY ROWLAND, | BREWSTER VALENTINE |
| ALFRED L. ROWE, | GEORGE B WHITFIELD, |
| WILLIAM P. MILLER, | ALBERT HAVEMEYER, |
| STEPHEN W. GAINES, | ISAAC H. SMITH, |
| ELISHA L. WALTON, | TEUNIS W. QUICK, |
| NELSON SHERWOOD, | ROBERT F. SAGE, |
| HENRY G. REEVE, | DAVID M. TURNURE, |
| DANIEL T. WILLETS, | JOSE T. NAVARRO, |
| ALBERT L. DE CAMP, | ASHER TAYLOR, |
| JOHN M. BRUCE, Jr., | EDWARD BILL, |
| BENJAMIN H. HOWELL. | NATHANIEL W. CHATER, |

were elected Directors of this Company for the ensuing year; and at a meeting of the Board of Directors held this day, BENJAMIN H. HOWELL, Esq., was reelected President, and ASHER TAYLOR, Esq., was reelected Vice-President. HENRY P. FREEMAN, Secretary.
NEW-YORK, Feb. 9, 1858.

STUYVESANT INSURANCE COMPANY—OFFICE NO. 153 BOWERY, CORNER OF BROOME-STREET.—Feb. 11, 1858.—At the Annual Election, held this day, the following-named gentlemen were duly elected for the ensuing year:

DIRECTORS.

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| Frederick R. Lee, | John R. Paxton, | Samuel Willets, |
| George L. Osborn, | Bartlet Smith, | Samuel Wesler, |
| Henry Shields, | Adam W. Spies, | Andre Pruneau, |
| Cornel's L. Everett, | Joseph H. Godwin, | Edwin Pierson, |
| Alfred Moore, | John A. Deveau, | Benja'n W. Floyd, |
| Henry J. Bowen, | A. Stewart Black, | Denton Pearsall, |
| D. Hennessey, | Charles J. Dodge, | S. Abrahams M.D., |
| Alonzo A. Alvord, | John Shortwell, | Corn'n B. Timpson, |
| | James Humes. | |

And for Inspectors of the next annual election:
Robert R. Willets, Edward Brown, David Seaman.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board FREDERICK R. LEE, Esq., was unanimously reelected President, and SAMUEL WILLETS was unanimously reelected Vice-President. BENJAMIN J. PENTZ, Secretary.

## GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS

260 "GREAT REDUCTION IN PRICES." 260
Important to Hotel Proprietors, Boarding-house Keepers and Up-town Families.
GROCERIES, GROCERIES—TEAS, TEAS.
Beautiful New Crop Orleans Sugars, 4½ c. and upwards. Refined Sugars at refiners' prices. Superior Teas, choice quality and fine flavor, at 50c. and upwards. Consult your own interests, and buy goods where you can get them cheapest and best.
THOMAS R. AGNEW, Importer and Dealer in Choice Teas, Fine Groceries, &c., &c.,
No. 260 Greenwich-st., corner Murray.

200 CHAMBERS-STREET. 200
We offer at LOWEST CASH PRICES,
SMOKED HAMS,
SMOKED SHOULDERS,
SMOKED BEEF,
PRIME LEAF LARD,
MESS PORK,
PRIME PORK,
VAN BRUNT & WATROUS,
No. 200 CHAMBERS-ST.,
near the Erie Railroad Depôt.

## HORSES AND CARRIAGES.

FOR SALE—HORSE AND HARNESS; ONE brown mare, 15½ hands high; one roan horse 16 do., both splendid road horses, warranted sound and kind; also, a light pole wagon, a skeleton do., but little used, together with a fine coach harness; will be sold low. Apply at the Metropolitan Stables, corner Prince and Crosby sts.

FOR SALE—CARRIAGES AND SLEIGHS.—A splendid assortment of every description of Carriages for sale, at invoice prices. Also, a very superior lot of Portland Sleighs will be sold low. Apply at the carriages Repository, 574 Broadway, near the Metropolitan Hotel.

## FOR EUROPE.

THE NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL UNITED STATES MAIL STEAMERS.—[illegible]
The ATLANTIC, Capt. Oliver Richardson.
The BALTIC, Capt. Joseph Comstock.
The ARIDNE, Capt. Thos. Wait.

These ships have been built by contract expressly for Government service, every care has been taken in their construction, as also in their engines, to insure strength and speed; and their accommodations for passengers are unsurpassed by any steamers afloat.

The steamers of this line have improved water-tight compartments, and no expense has been spared to make them all as good as new; the thorough examination given them proves their mode of construction. FIRST CABIN.

Price of passage from New-York to Liverpool, in first cabin, $130; second do., $75. From Liverpool to New-York, $80 and $50 guineas; for experience of surgeon attached to each ship. No berth can be secured until paid for.

PROPOSED DATES OF SAILING.

| FROM NEW-YORK. | FROM LIVERPOOL. |
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| Saturday, Jan. 16.....1858 | Wednesday, Feb. 3.....1858 |
| Saturday, Feb. 13.....1858 | Wednesday, March 3.....1858 |
| Saturday, March 13.....1858 | Wednesday, March 31.....1858 |
| Saturday, April 10.....1858 | Wednesday, April 28.....1858 |
| Saturday, April 24.....1858 | Wednesday, May 12.....1858 |
| Saturday, May 8.....1858 | Wednesday, May 26.....1858 |
| Saturday, May 22.....1858 | Wednesday, June 9.....1858 |
| Saturday, June 5.....1858 | Wednesday, June 23.....1858 |
| Saturday, June 19.....1858 | Wednesday, July 7.....1858 |

For freight or passage apply to
EDWARD K. COLLINS, No. 56 Wall-st., New-York.
BROWN, SHIPLEY & CO., Liverpool.
STEPHEN ROBERT & CO., No. 21 Austin Friars, London.
B. G. WAINRIGHT & CO., Paris.

The owners of these ships will not be accountable for gold, silver, bullion, specie, jewelry, precious stones, or metals, unless bills of lading are signed therefor, and the value thereof expressed therein.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS.

FROM NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL.
Chief Cabin Passage.....$130
Second Cabin Passage.....75

FROM BOSTON TO LIVERPOOL.
Chief Cabin Passage.....$110
Second Cabin Passage.....60

The ships from Boston call at Halifax.
PERSIA, Capt. Judkins. CANADA, Capt. Lang.
ARABIA, Capt. J. Stone. AMERICA, Capt. Wickman.
ASIA, Capt. E. G. Lott. NIAGARA, Capt. Ryrie.
AFRICA, Capt. Shannon. EUROPA, Capt. J. Leitch.

These vessels carry a clear white light at mast-head; green on starboard bow; red on port bow.

ARABIA, Stone, leaves N. York Wednesday, Feb. 17
NIAGARA, Wickman, leaves Boston Wednesday, Feb. 24
AFRICA, Shannon, leaves N. Y. Wednesday, March 3
AMERICA, Lott, leaves Boston Wednesday, March 10
EUROPA, Leitch, leaves N. York Wednesday, March 17
CANADA, Lang, leaves Boston Wednesday, March 24

Berths not secured until paid for.

An experienced surgeon on board.

The owners of these ships will not be accountable for Gold, Silver, Bullion, Specie, Jewelry, Precious Stones or Metals, unless bills of lading are signed therefor and the value thereof therein expressed. For freight or passage, apply to E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling-green.

GREAT REDUCTION OF FARE TO EUROPE.

| From New-York: | | From Southampton, Havre, or Bremen to New-York: | |
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| First Cabin | $80 | First Cabin | $100 |
| Second Cabin | 50 | Second Cabin | 60 |
| Steerage | 30 | Steerage | 35 |

In the first-class paddle-wheel steamship ARIEL, 2,850 tons, E. D. LUDLOW, Commander, and NORTH STAR, 2,800 tons, EDWARD CAVERLY, Commander, to sail from Pier No. 3, North River, at noon precisely, carrying the United States Mail, viz:

| Leave New-York for Southampton, Havre and Bremen. | Bremen for Southampton. | Southampton for New-York. |
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| North Star...Feb. 20 | Saturday, M'h 20 | Wednesd'y, M'h 31 |
| Ariel.....March 20 | Saturday, Ap'l 17 | Wedn'sd'y, Ap'l 28 |

The steamships touch at Havre. Specie delivered in London and Paris. For passage or freight, apply to
D. TORRANCE, Agent,
No. 5 Bowling-green, New-York.

STEAM TO SOUTHAMPTON AND HAVRE.—The magnificent steamship VANDERBILT, 6,200 tons, P. E. LEFEVER, master, will sail, with the MAILS—

| FROM NEW-YORK FOR SOUTHAMPTON AND HAVRE. | | FROM SOUTHAMPTON AND HAVRE FOR NEW-YORK. | |
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| Saturday | April 10 | Wednesday | April 28 |
| Saturday | May 22 | Wednesday | June 9 |
| Saturday | July 3 | Wednesday | July 21 |

Price of passage according to location of room. First cabin, $100 and $130; second cabin, $60 and $65.
Specie delivered in London and Paris.
For passage and freight, apply to
D. TORRANCE, Agent, No. 5 Bowling-Green, New-York.

FOR SOUTHAMPTON AND HAVRE.—THE United States Mail steamer ARAGO, H. Lines, commander, will leave for Havre, touching at Southampton to land the mails and passengers, on SATURDAY, March 6, at 12 o'clock, from Pier No. 37 North River, foot of Beach-st.

This ship has five water-tight compartments inclosing the engines, so that in the event of collision or stranding, the water could not reach them, and the pumps being free to work, the safety of the vessel and passengers would be secured.

Baggage not wanted during the voyage should be sent on board the day before sailing, marked "below." For freight or passage, apply to
W. S. DAYTON, Agent, No. 7 Broadway.

N. B.—The steamer FULTON will succeed the ARAGO, and sail April 3.

GLASGOW AND NEW-YORK STEAMSHIP Company's splendid and powerful steamers sail as under:

FROM NEW-YORK.
Edinburg, Cumming, Saturday, Feb. 13, at 12 noon.
Glasgow, Goodwin, Saturday, March 13, at 12 noon.
New-York, McMillan.
RATES OF PASSAGE.—Cabin, $75; third class, found with cooked provisions, $30. For freight or passage, apply to
ROBERT CRAIG, No. 17 Broadway.

ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP "ARABIA" FOR LIVERPOOL.—The ARABIA, J. STONE Commander, will sail from the Company's Dock, at Jersey City, with the Mails and passengers for Europe, on WEDNESDAY, the 17th inst. Passengers are requested to be on board by 9 o'clock A. M.
E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling-green.

## RAILROADS.

NEW-YORK AND HARLEM RAILROAD—WINTER ARRANGEMENT—Commencing Wednesday, Jan. 6, 1858.

Trains leave Depôt corner White and Centre sts., New-York, at 8½ A. M.—Mail for Albany, stopping at Williams Bridge and all stations north.

3:30 P. M., Express for Albany, stopping at principal stations only.

4½ P. M., for White Plains, stopping at all intermediate stations.

Trains leave Depôt corner 26th-st. and 4th-av., New-York, at 8½ A. M., for Williams Bridge, stopping at all intermediate stations.

11½ A. M.—White Plains, stopping at all intermediate stations.

2½ P. M.—Williams Bridge, stopping at all intermediate stations.

3 P. M.—Millerton, stopping at Williams Bridge and all intermediate stations north.

4 P. M.—Croton Falls, stopping at all intermediate stations.

5½ P. M.—Williams Bridge, stopping at all intermediate stations.

Returning, trains leave Albany for New-York, at 7½ A. M.—Mail stopping at all stations above and at Williams Bridge.

3½ P. M.—Express, stopping at principal stations only.
W. J. CAMPBELL, Superintendent.

NEW-YORK AND ERIE RAILROAD.—ON and after Thursday, Jan. 21, 1858, and until further notice, passenger trains will leave pier foot of Duane-st., as follows, viz.:

Dunkirk Express, at 6:30 A. M., for Dunkirk and principal intermediate stations.

Mail Train, at 8:30 A. M., for Dunkirk and Buffalo, and intermediate stations

Rockland Passenger, at 3 P. M., from foot of Chambers-st., via Piermont, for Sufferns and intermediate stations.

Way Passenger, at 4 P. M., for Newburg, Middletown and intermediate stations.

The above trains run daily, Sundays excepted.

Night Express, at 5 P. M., daily, for Dunkirk, and Sundays excepted, for Buffalo.

These Express trains connect at Elmira with the Elmira, Canandaigua and Niagara Falls Railroad, for Niagara Falls; at Binghamton with the Syracuse and Binghamton Railroad, for Syracuse; at Corning with Buffalo, Corning and New-York Railroad for Rochester; at Great Bend with the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad for Scranton; at Hornellsville with the Buffalo and New-York City Railroad, for Buffalo; at Buffalo and Dunkirk with the Lake Shore Railroad, for Cleveland, Cincinnati, Toledo, Detroit, Chicago, &c.
S. F. HEADLEY, Assistant President.

CENTRAL RAILROAD OF NEW-JERSEY—Connecting at New-Hampton with the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, and at Easton with the Lehigh Valley Railroad.

FALL ARRANGEMENTS—Commencing Oct. 26, 1857. Leave New-York for Easton and intermediate places from Pier No. 2 North River, at 7:30 A. M., 12 M., and 3:30 P. M.; for Somerville, by above trains and at 4:30 P. M. The above trains connect at Elizabeth with trains on the New-Jersey Railroad, which leave New-York from foot of Cortlandt-st. at 7:30 and 12 M., 3:30 and 4 P. M.

Passengers for the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad will leave at 7:30 A. M. only; for Lehigh Valley Railroad at 7:30 A. M. and 12 M. only.
JOHN O. STEARNS, Superintendent.

HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD.—FROM DEC. 2, 1857, trains will leave Chambers-st. as follows: Express trains 6¾ and 11½ A. M. and 4:45 P. M.; Poughkeepsie trains at 6¾ A. M. and 3½ P. M.; Peekskill freight train at 1½ P. M. from 42d-st. only, and passenger train at 4½ P. M. from Chambers-st. Sing Sing train at 4 P. M. Passengers taken at Chambers, Christopher and 30th-st. stations only. Trains for New-York leave Troy 6:15 A. M., 12:35 and 5:15 P. M., and East Albany at 6:25 A. M., 12:45 and 5:25 P. M.

NEW-JERSEY RAILROAD.—FOR PHILADELPHIA AND THE SOUTH AND WEST, via JERSEY CITY.—Mail and Express Line. Leave New-York at 8 and 11 A. M. and 4 and 6 P. M. $2. Through tickets sold for Cincinnati and the West, and for Baltimore, Washington, Norfolk, &c., and through baggage checked to Washington in 3 A. M. and 4 P. M.
J. W. WOODRUFF, Assistant Superintendent.

No baggage will be received for any train, unless delivered and checked 15 minutes in advance of the time of leaving.

FLUSHING RAILROAD.—LEAVES FULTON Market Wharf, by steamer ISLAND CITY, at 8 and 10 A. M., 1, 3:30 and 5 P. M. The cars leave Flushing, L. I., at the same hours, meeting and exchanging passengers with the boat at Hunter's Point—through in 30 minutes. Fare 25 cents. WM. M. SMITH, Receiver.

## FOR CALIFORNIA.

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# MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.

[illegible] Committee on Streets, of the Board of Aldermen, [illegible] Friday, the [illegible] Brewer, in the Chair. [illegible] and resolutions were presented [illegible] Among the former was one from Dr. [illegible] praying permission to place Hiram Powers' statue of Washington in the Governor's Room, City Hall.

Councilman Cozzens presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Second-avenue Railroad Company be [illegible] to be laid down a double track on Second-avenue between Houston and First streets, without any authority from the Common Council [illegible] that they be directed to take up the [illegible] and put the pavement in proper repair.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

Councilman Van Tine moved a resolution to the effect that the Committee of five heretofore appointed [illegible] be discharged, and a Committee of three be appointed [illegible] Mayor.

[illegible] Committee on Streets, on the Tax Levy the [illegible] Committee on Finance, which [illegible]

[illegible] Committee on Finance, to which [illegible] Alderman Cozzens, in favor of the appropriation of $1,000 to the Committee on Finance